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Veterans Remembered At November 11th Ceremonies



IN LEFT PHOTO: Agawam High Marching Mohawks member Christina Climo played "Taps" during Veterans' Day ceremonies at the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center. Christina is a senior at AHS. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam's Veterans' Day ceremonies (called "The Celebration of Freedom") were held at the Veterans' Green on Saturday, November 11th. Among those holding American flags during the ceremonies were the following residents (from left to right): Helen & Robert Van Valkenburgh and Virginia Lake. (See related photos on Page 4.)

Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

At The Polls...



ON ELECTION DAY, Mayor Richard A. Cohen passed out questionnaires to voters at the polling areas asking them to send in their input to him about how they feel things are going in town. Accepting a questionnaire from Cohen is Agawam resident Priscilla Peterson.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Local Boy Scout Receives Citation



EARLIER THIS MONTH, Mayor Richard A. Cohen and Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano presented Eric McLaughlin with a citation of merit for his efforts to aid an unconscious customer who collapsed at Geissler's Market. Eric is a Boy Scout and had been trained in CPR. The victim had collapsed from an apparent heart attack. Eric immediately began to perform CPR on the individual and continued until the Agawam Fire Department paramedics arrived. Pictured above (from left to right) are Chief Pisano, Lisa McLaughlin (Eric's mother), Mayor Cohen, Eric McLaughlin, firefighter/paramedic James Deming, and Mark McLaughlin (Eric's

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United Co-Op Bank, Hampden Savings Bank Plan Merger

The City of Springfield will once again be home to the headquarters of the region's largest locally-owned bank as United Cooperative Bank of West Springfield and Hampden Savings Bank of Springfield have jointly announced their intent to merge. The combining of these two well-established financial institutions will create a regional community bank with over \$800 million in assets, committed to stay independent and mutual.

The agreement was unanimously approved recently by the directors of United Cooperative Bank and the trustees of Hampden Savings Bank. It is now subject to approval by the corporators of Hampden Savings Bank, the depositors of United Cooperative Bank, and state and federal regulatory agencies.

The combined entry will operate as United Cooperative Bank. Raymond J. Labbe, president and chief executive officer of United Cooperative Bank, will assume the role at the combined bank as chairman and chief executive officer. Current Hampden Savings Bank president Thomas R. Burton will serve as president and chief operating officer. Upon Labbe's retirement in December 2001, Burton will become chief executive officer.

United Cooperative Bank employs 154 people and operates 10 full-service branches in West Springfield, Longmeadow, Springfield, East Springfield, Sixteen Acres, Indian Orchard, Westfield, Huntington, Holyoke, and Feeding Hills, and has a Loan Office in Northampton.

Hampden Savings Bank, with 74 employees, has four branches, two located in Springfield, one in Longmeadow and West Springfield, and has received approval for a branch in Agawam.

It is anticipated that existing branch locations that are within close proximity to each other would be combined. However, Burton and Labbe both stressed that the merger is not expected to result in a loss of jobs.

"While there will be a modest duplication of functions within the new organization, there will also be a number of new opportunities as the consolidated bank expands products and services and grows its franchise," said Labbe.

"The joining of two solid community institutions whose roots are firmly planted in Western Massachusetts will create an industry leader totally responsive to the growing banking needs of area individuals and businesses," said Labbe. "The potential for the future is extraordinary."

"An increase in the number of banking locations means more convenience for our customers," explained Burton, "and a strong capital base will give us the ability to harness the latest technology, and to bring new products to market - something smaller banks cannot do. In addition, our lending capacity after the merger will almost double, and should be adequate for 99 percent of the businesses in Western Massachusetts.

"Without question, we will be the service, convenience, and technology leader in this marketplace," Burton said.

"Growth also means that we intend to add employment opportunities, not reduce staff," Labbe stated. "We believe in our existing employees and have invested in them. They are the most important people to our customers. Individually, both our banks have undertaken great effort to ensure that you can deal with a professional banker when you need one, see a customer service representative when you have questions and conduct your banking as conveniently as you would want to, on the Internet or with a teller. And even though the combined bank will be the largest mutual bank in the region, we will continue to stress the 'personal banking relationships' for which our customers know us."

"The merger of United Cooperative Bank and Hampden Savings Bank will give us the ability to build an even better bank, together," said Burton. "Combined, we can go forward with our fundamental

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In Honor Of Our Nation's Veterans...



AGAWAM VETERANS' AGENT EDWARD KELLOGG addresses the gathering who attended the Veterans' Day observance held on Saturday, November 11th, at the Agawam Veterans' Green in Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



AL COLLINS AND LILA FORASTIERE of Forastiere Family Funeral Homes sponsored a balloon release for "The Celebration of Freedom," which was part of the Veterans' Day ceremonies on Saturday, November 11th, held at the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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formula of success: a strong commitment to the customer and to the community. In addition, we can take advantage of efficiencies and economies of scale that will benefit the customers of both banks. This will provide us with the foundation to further expand our franchise in other markets.

"If we are to be the leader in the industry, we must be positioned in the center of commerce, and to that end, we will seek to relocate the bank's headquarters to downtown Springfield," said Burton. In the interim, United Cooperative Bank's newly expanded corporate offices and operations center at 95 Elm Street in West Springfield will serve as the headquarters. The bank will maintain a strong operations and business banking presence in both West Springfield and Springfield.

Labbe and Burton described the merger as a true partnership with a continued strong commitment to the communities where each was founded.

United Cooperative Bank, a state mutual cooperative bank, operates under an 1882 charter. The bank came into being in 1968 as a direct result of a merger between the West Springfield Co-operative Bank and the Springfield Co-operative Bank, under the charter of the latter. In 1981, Westfield Co-operative Bank joined the United family. The bank maintains its corporate headquarters and operations center at 95 Elm Street in West Springfield.

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evacuate. Call the fire department, even if the fire is small.

For every minute a fire burns, it doubles in size. Small fires can grow quickly. Only after the first two steps have been completed, should you try to extinguish small fires.

The Agawam Fire Department is here to help you! Don't be afraid to call if we can help in any way because, in a fire, seconds count!

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

Melconian Announces Law To Protect Homeowners

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that as of November 2nd, all homeowners are eligible for \$300,000 in homestead protection. Homestead protection guards an individual's home against seizure by most creditors or by litigants who win a court judgment. The previous limit for homeowners under 62 was \$100,000; for those 62 and older or disabled, it was \$200,000.

"I urge everyone to get homestead protection," said Melconian. "For a nominal filing fee, every homeowner is now protected against the seizure of his or her home for up to \$300,000."

Homestead protection was first updated in 1970 and was last increased to its prior level of \$100,000 in 1985. It provides significant protection for a homeowner and his or her family in a variety of circumstances, including personal injury lawsuits or personal debts unrelated to the property.

The protection is available to all homeowners who file a declaration of homestead with their county Registry of Deeds and pay a small, one-time filing fee - \$10 for recorded land and \$30 for registered land. All individuals who currently have homestead protection will automatically have their benefit level raised from \$100,000 to \$300,000. The protection does not guard against seizure due to overdue tax payments, debt accrued before application for homestead protection, late mortgage payments, or court-ordered child support or alimony.

"Families should not be put on the street because of debt that is unrelated to their home," said Melconian. "I'm glad the two branches of the legislature have worked together to improve this very meaningful protection."

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Another Big Crowd Turns Out For Keenan's Pasta Supper



THE ANNUAL FAMILY PASTA SUPPER sponsored by State Representative Daniel Keenan was recently held at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills. IN LEFT PHOTO: Local officials were among those in attendance, including School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni, Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Town Councilor Jill Simpson, AHS Deputy Principal Kathy McSweeney, and School Committee member Linda Galarneau. IN RIGHT PHOTO: William Gazillo of Leonard Street, Agawam, and his daughter, Mary Ann Gazillo, enjoy their meals at State Rep. Daniel Keenan's family pasta supper. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



IN PHOTO AT LEFT: Agawam Postmaster Mark DeForge (left) poses with his father, former Agawam Town Councilor Phil DeForge, at State Rep. Daniel Keenan's recently-held family pasta supper. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...

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Mama Mia! The Food Is Good At Keenan's Pasta Supper...



IN LEFT PHOTO: The man himself, State Representative Daniel Keenan, and his "better half," Jill, at his annual family pasta supper that was recently held at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Loyal supporters of State Rep. Daniel Keenan again comprised his kitchen crew at the annual family pasta supper: Bill Farwell, Jr., Pat DeForge, Paul Fieldstad, Jim Griffin, Bill Farwell, Sr., Kathy Landers, Dick DiLullo, Robert DeForge, Art Book, Eva Nascembeni, Ernie Book, Joanne Willis, and Betty Grady. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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- Agawam Obituaries -

CLAIRE A. COLONNA

Claire A. (Desmarais) Colonna, 79, of Springfield, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a 20-year employee of A.G. Spaulding Co. and retired in 1987.

She was born in the Chicopee Falls section of Chicopee.

Her first husband, Carl Schroeder, died in World War II in 1944. Her second husband, William Colonna, died in 1993.

She leaves two sons, Ronald of Springfield and Mark of Westfield; a daughter, Barbara Vivenzio of Feeding Hills; a sister, Cecile Bosse of Nashua, New Hampshire; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, November 21st, at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam.

JUNE A. DOOLEY

June A. (Leach) Dooley, 79, of Jennie Circle, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, she lived there most of her life and was a graduate of Dickinson High School. She lived in Columbus, Ohio before moving to Agawam this year.

Her husband, William J. Dooley, died in 1989.

She leaves two daughters, Barbara A. Conlon of Agawam and Susan J. Green of Littleton, Colorado, and three granddaughters.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

YVONNE M. GRONDIN

Yvonne M. (Savage) Grondin, 75, of Dania, Florida, and formerly of Agawam, died recently at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida.

She was an aide at Mercy Hospital in Springfield and a seamstress at the former Chicopee Undergarment Co.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, located at 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, November 30, 2000 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of William & Andrea Moccio who are seeking to amend Special Permit Case #1598, Condition #9, regarding hours of operation, at the premises identified as: 339 SILVER STREET.

Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairman

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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Born in Fields, Ontario, Canada, she came to this country in 1956 and lived in Springfield, in Agawam for 12 years, and in Dania for a year. She wintered in Florida for many years.

She leaves her husband of 58 years, Alfred J. Grondin; a son, Gerard J. of Springfield; a daughter, Diane Hill of Feeding Hills; a sister, Florence Bonneau of Drummondville, Quebec, Canada; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A private burial will be arranged at the convenience of the family. Calling hours and a prayer service were held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Regional Hospital, 3501 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida 33021.

LENORA A. KORNEY

Lenora A. (Moriarty) Korney, 77, of 7 Forge Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a 40-year bookkeeper for Calabrese Construction Co. Prior to that, she was a payroll clerk for American Bosch.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Cathedral High School and lived in Agawam for 15 years, West Springfield for 15 years, and in Feeding Hills for the past 23 years.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves her husband of 52 years, James Korney; four sons, James of Newport, Rhode Island, Thomas of Feeding Hills, John of Wyckoff, New Jersey, and Kevin of Springfield; a brother, Thomas of Wilbraham; two sisters, Margaret Malone of Agawam and Marie Nadeau of Matunuck, Rhode Island; and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, November 21st, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01107.

FRANK A. PARADISO

Frank A. Paradiso, 88, of Agawam, a long-active member in barber associations, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a barber and hair stylist for 66 years, and an instructor and director of Brom's Barber School. He retired in 1976.

Born in Milford, he lived in Agawam and Feeding Hills for 30 years.

He was a member of the Journeymen's Hairdresser's Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America, serving as president in 1949 to 1950. He was past president of the Milford Barbers Association, secretary/treasurer of the union, and a delegate to national barber conventions.

He was appointed commissioner of the Board of Registration of Barbers and served as a legislative aide to former speaker of the house, John F.X. Davoran in Boston.

He was a life member of the Elks Lodge 61 and the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National. He was a member of the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, the Agawam Senior Bowling League, past president of the Pheasant Hill Village Social Club, and tour director for the Golden Age Club Chapter Two from 1982 to 1996.

He received the Andrew Gallano Award from the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center in 1996. He also volunteered at Brightside for many years.

His first wife, the former Theresa DiDonato, died in 1978; and his second wife, the former Doris Wentworth Manzi, died in 1989.

He leaves a son, Frank of Winter Park, Florida; three daughters, Marcia Paradiso of Winter Park, Joanne Agnoli of Agawam, and Dolores Cruise of Cape Cod; two stepsons, Philip Manzi and David Wheelock, both of Springfield; a stepdaughter, Barbara Bailey of East Longmeadow; a brother, John of Pensicola, Florida; two sisters, Florence Bodio of Milford and Rita Sullivan of Hopedale; a granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home.

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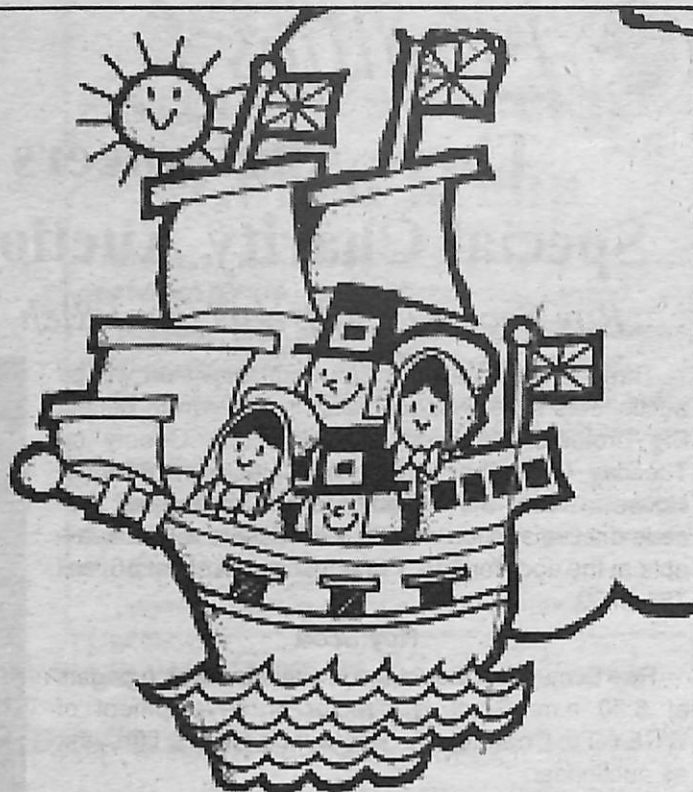
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Three Auctioneers Announced For Special Charity Auction At The Colosseum

Roy Scott, Jack Briggs, And Rich Tettemer To Wield The Gavel

Three familiar personalities from television will be auctioneers for the Special Charity Auction to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County on Tuesday, December 7th, at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. A silent auction will precede the live auction at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. For advance tickets at \$5, call 781-4730.

Roy Scott

Roy Scott will conduct the live auction which begins at 6:30 p.m. Scott is director of development of WGBY-TV, Channel 57. This will be Scott's fifth year as auctioneer.

A former banker, Scott has had a close relationship with the PBS station for the past 27 years. He has helped with Channel 57's fundraising and community awareness events over the years, and is a recognizable and familiar presence to viewers.

Scott believes that the key to a good auction is to have exciting items up for bid and an attentive crowd who wants to help the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program - and get a bargain at the same time. As an auctioneer, he is known to have a sense of humor, good diction, and good timing.

Jack Briggs

Scott will be assisted by another familiar face at Channel 57, Jack Briggs, community relations officer at United Cooperative Bank. Briggs is seen every year on the televised *Great New England Auction*. He will provide support to Scott by introducing and describing items up for bid. His assistance adds to a fast-moving and enjoyable auction experience, and gives Scott a chance to catch his breath and rest his voice.

Examples of items up for bid include weekend get-a-ways, gift certificates to area restaurants and retail superstores, concert and play tickets, jewelry, gift items, and children's games and puzzles.

Rich Tettemer

Rich Tettemer, sports director at TV-22, will be guest auctioneer for one-of-a-kind sports items. They include an autographed football of the New England Patriots, an autographed basketball by Charlie Ward of the New York Knicks, a ball signed by the Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Nate "Tiny" Archibald, a boxing glove signed by world light heavyweight champion Roy Jones, Jr., and an autographed best-selling book, *Loose Balls*, by New Jersey Nets basketball player Jason Williams.

UNICO's Breakfast With Santa To Benefit Michael Cote

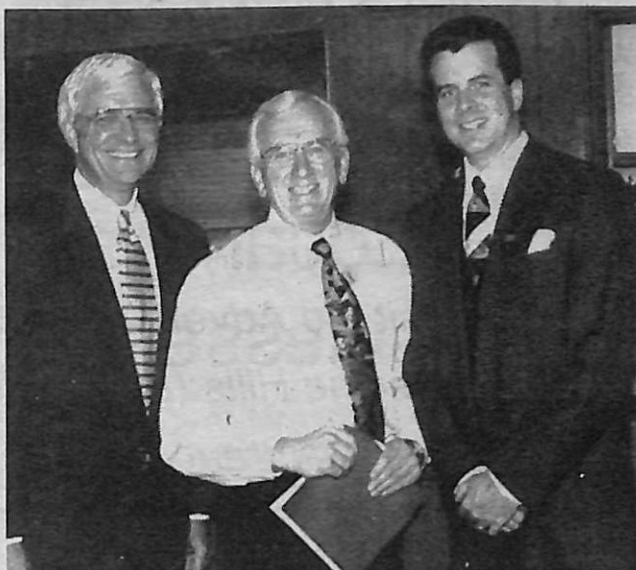
Agawam UNICO is pleased to announce that its annual "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" will take place on Sunday, December 10th, at the Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

All proceeds raised from this year's breakfast will go to benefit Michael Cote, a 4-1/2 year-old boy who was born blind (a condition known as anaphthalmia). Michael underwent two surgeries before his first birthday. He is one of triplets and lives in Agawam.

Please keep this date open on your calendar, meet Santa, and support Michael. Admission is \$4 for adults, and free for children under nine years of age. Tickets are available from any UNICO member, chairman Art Chase at 786-4265, and Bruno Maule at 789-0082.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

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THREE FAMILIAR FACES from television will be auctioneers at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Special Charity Auction, Dec. 7th at the Colosseum Banquet House. From left - Jack Briggs, Roy Scott, and Rich Tettemer.

The Eric Bascom Quartet will provide live music. There will be door prizes, hor-d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. The auction is sponsored by TV-22.

Proceeds will support the agency in its work to match children from single-parent homes to caring adult mentors. For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters, call 781-4730 or visit online at www.bigbrothers-sisters.org.

"Grand Colleen Pageant" In Agawam On Sat., January 6th

A "Grand Colleen Pageant" will be held at the Agawam Middle School (68 Main Street, Agawam) on Saturday, January 6th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The eligibility guidelines for the pageant are as follows:

* Female.

* Single (never been married and/or never had a child).

* No less than 16 years-old by March 17, 2001 and a junior in high school; nor more than 22 years-old by March 17, 2001.

* Resident of Agawam or Feeding Hills section of Agawam.

* Must claim Irish ancestry.

* Completion of resume.

Entries must be mailed by Friday, December 15th. The five finalists will be selected on January 6th. These finalists will be honored at the "Grand Colleen Ball," where one will be selected as Grand Colleen.

The Grand Colleen will receive numerous gifts from local donors, a scholarship, and a trip for two to Ireland provided by Travel Magic and presented by the Agawam St. Patrick's Day Committee. Application entries must contain the following information: name, address, date of birth, telephone number, signature, and the date of the entry. Please mail all entries to P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA 01001-0825. Upon receipt of application entries, a formal application will be mailed. For further information, call Susan Dawson at 789-3400. (Immediate family members of the Grand Colleen Pageant Committee are ineligible.)

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Agawam "Senior Games" Athletes

Gala Christmas Spectacular At Mohegan Sun

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will sponsor a trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Sunday, December 17th to see and hear the **Irish Tenors** in a **Gala Christmas Spectacular!!!**

The ticket price will be \$30 and will include a \$20 casino package (\$10 free play on the big wheel and a \$10 meal ticket).

We will leave the Senior Center at 11:30 a.m., arriving at the Casino at 1:00 p.m. We will have time for lunch, etc. The show will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Our bus will leave the Casino at 6:00 p.m. and arrive home at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will go fast for this **extravaganza**, so get your name in early!! Call Vi Presz at 786-3164 or Edie Chiba at 786-5539 for details.

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The Whiteheads Announce Birth Of First Grandchild

Katherine & William Whitehead of Cosgrove Avenue, Agawam, would like to announce the birth of their first grandchild

William & Christine Whitehead of Ansbach, Germany, welcomed a son, Nathaniel Joseph Whitehead, on November 14, 2000. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

Christine and William are both graduates of Agawam High School, and they will return to the New England area in the summer of 2001.

The maternal grandparents are Audrey & Roger Chausse of Enfield, CT, and formerly of Feeding Hills.

If you visit the Advertiser News' new office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (above Remillard Insurance), please note that our main entrance is in the back. Please park on the side of the building and use the back entrance. Thank you...

Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 27th: Escarole soup, chicken parmesan grinder, vegetable bundles, banana.

Tuesday, Nov. 28th: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, whole wheat bread, pudding.

Wednesday, Nov. 29th: Pasta w/chicken, broccoli, gorgonzola sauce, tossed salad, rye bread, "Apple Betty."

Thursday, Nov. 30th: Bowl of kapusta soup (cabbage, pork, sausage, sauerkraut), garlic bread-stick, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

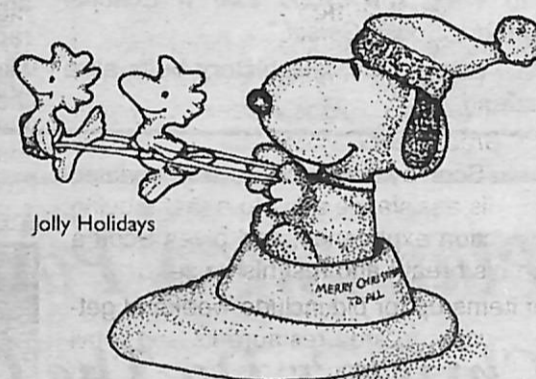


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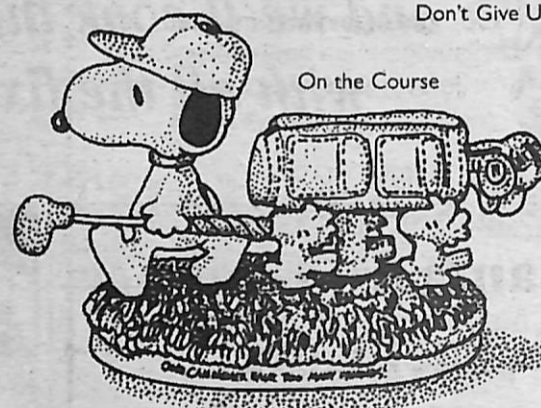
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NEWS40 Partners With Local Head Start For "All I Want For Christmas" Campaigns

Once again, the NEWS40 *All I Want for Christmas* campaign is partnering with Head Start organizations in the Pioneer Valley to meet the needs of thousands of needy children and their families during the holiday season.

We are asking the community to donate new items (toys, games, clothing, etc.) at collection sites at business locations and at Head Start offices throughout the Pioneer Valley.

You can make it a merrier Christmas for some needy children by donating a new unwrapped toy or gift when you attend the Dan Kane Singers Christmas show on December 1st at 7:30 p.m. at Springfield Symphony Hall.

Additionally, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will have collection boxes in the lobby of Springfield Symphony Hall for their Holiday Pops concerts on December 9th and 10th, and they are asking concertgoers to make a donation in the spirit of the holidays.

In addition, the Symphony is providing free tickets to both performances for Head Start children.

Yet another partner in this seasonal effort is the PVTA. Any rider who donates a new unwrapped game, toy, or item of clothing at the PVTA office at the Springfield bus station will receive a free pass good for travel during the month of January 2001. This offer from the PVTA is good through December 17th.

Last year, Head Start staff identified families that were in need of help, and as a result of the generosity of viewers, local companies, and organizations, thousands of Christmas gifts were distributed.

The 2000 *All I Want for Christmas* campaign - our fourth year - begins on November 27th and runs until December 18th.

For more information about *All I Want for Christmas*, including a list of donation drop-off locations, go to our website at www.wggb.com or call Head Start at 788-6522.

Forest Park Heights Historic District...

Historic Homes Holiday Tour In Forest Park

Come to Springfield's Forest Park Heights Historic District for a "Historic Homes Holiday Tour" on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This tour will give you the chance to visit beautiful historic homes decorated for the holidays. What's more, the first 500 people to purchase tickets for this tour will receive a free ticket to "Bright Nights."

The cost of this tour is \$15 per person, and you can purchase your tickets at the Goodwill Shoppes at the "X" or on the day of the tour at 223 Forest Park Avenue, Springfield.

For more information, call 734-6894 or 746-5916. This tour is being sponsored by the Forest Park Civic Association.

"The Political Dr. Seuss" To Be Discussed At UMass Springfield Alumni Business Luncheon At Storowton

On Friday, December 1st, the UMass Springfield Area Alumni Club will host its semi-annual Business Luncheon at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield. The Luncheon's keynote speaker will be UMass History Professor Richard Minear, author of "*Dr. Seuss Goes to War: The World War II Editorial Cartoons of Theodor Seuss Geisel*."

The public, UMass alumni, and history buffs alike are invited to attend.

Few are aware of Geisel's work as a political cartoonist for the New York daily newspaper, *PM*, during World War II. With a signature Seussian flair, Geisel's cartoons savaged Hitler, Japan, Stalin, and Mussolini.

And while they are sharply critical of anti-Semitism and anti-black racism, they are shockingly, undeniably racist in their portrayal of Japanese-Americans. Minear's book captures all of these images and uses them to frame America's psyche during the Great War.

His lunchtime commentary will be accompanied by a slideshow of selected cartoons, and will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

The luncheon runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and tickets are \$20 per person. Reservations are required by November 24th.

To reserve tickets, please call the UMass Alumni Office at 1-800-456-UMASS.

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HAILEY ALEXIS HEIDEN

Kelly Heiden Announces Birth Of Daughter, Hailey

Kelly Heiden of Feeding Hills happily announces the birth of her daughter, Hailey Alexis.

Hailey was born on October 2nd at 3:23 p.m. She weighed five pounds, 13 ounces, and was 18 inches in length.

Agawam Senior Ctr. Announces Trip To Foxwoods Casino

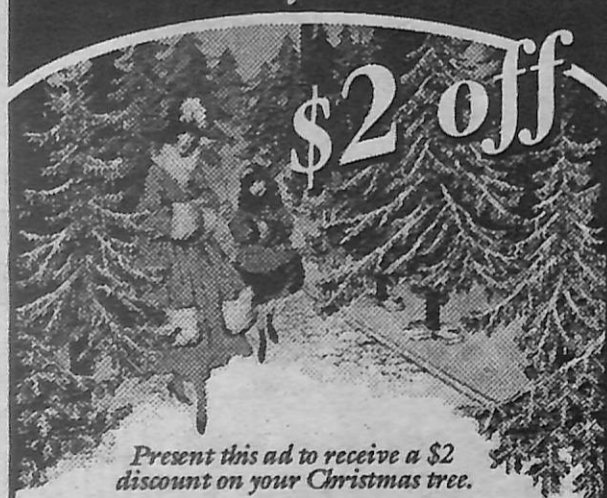
The Agawam Senior Center will be sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods on Tuesday, November 28th.

The cost of the trip is \$16, and we will be leaving the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m.

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K. Of C. To Host "Breakfast With Santa"

The John F. Kennedy Council #5585 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a "Breakfast With Santa" Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 3rd. The breakfast will be held in St. John's Parish Center on Main St., Agawam.

The breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The price will be \$3 per person, with children 12 and under free. Santa will be there to talk to the kids and hand out presents.

Photos with Santa will also be available.

The #5585 Kennedy Knights of Columbus represents members of the four Catholic churches in Agawam and Feeding Hills; St. John the Evangelist, Sacred Heart, St. Theresa/St. Anthony.

Tickets are available from all #5585 Council members and will be available at the door. Chairman of the breakfast is Al Taupier. Committee members are Don Sorel, Jim Coppola, Gerry Parent, Emmett Walsh, Jo Frogameni, Dick Smith, Ralph Minie, and Jim Taupier.

The Kennedy Council recently completed a successful Tootsie Roll Sales Drive on the Agawam/West Springfield bridge during The Big E to raise money for physically and mentally challenged children.

The Council came in third place in the District for monies raised.

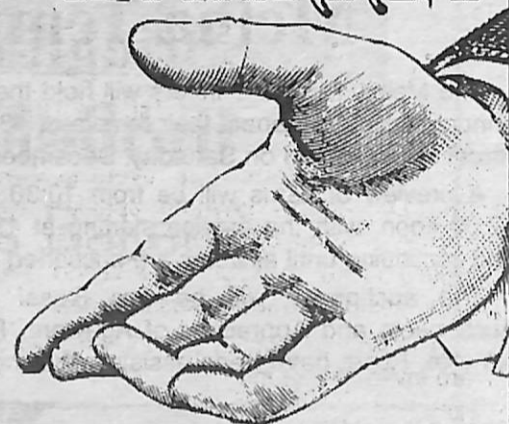
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Taking Care Of Your Skin...

Last week, I explained that there are four skin types - **normal, dry, oily, and combination**. Cleansing, moisturizing, and protecting is what I will be discussing this week for these skin types.

Cleansing is the most important step. The main function is to remove makeup, excess dirt, oil, and dead skin cells. Most dermatologists recommend a cleanser that is water-soluble, rinses off completely, and does not irritate the eyes. Use tepid water to rinse; this will help keep the skin from drying out. The skin is normally slightly acidic, with a pH of about 5 to 6. Any change in the pH can cause the skin to feel dry and tight.

Exfoliating can make your skin look smoother by sloughing off dead skin cells from the surface, exposing the newer skin cells. This will help your skin

absorb moisturizers better and allow makeup to cover more smoothly.

Moisturizing is a way to keep your skin's natural moisture from evaporating by providing a barrier between the skin and the air. When you moisturize, water is temporarily trapped in the skin, causing it to "plump up" (thereby making the surface appear smoother). Moisturizers can relieve dry, itchy, and irritated skin, but also can clog the pores of acne-prone skin. This type of skin should stick to oil-free products.

Normal skin should use a gentle, water-soluble cleanser or cleansing milk. Cetaphil is a good, all-purpose cleanser that is non-irritating. Use a fine facial scrub a few times a week to exfoliate the skin. A light, water-based moisturizer is probably all you need, paying special attention to the eye area. If this area seems to be a little drier, try using an emollient cream.

Dry skin will respond well to a cleansing milk that will leave an emollient film on the skin to help soothe the dryness. Stay away from harsh exfoliating products on a daily basis. Try a massage-in and wash-off exfoliating mask containing oatmeal once a week. You may need to invest in two moisturizers: a lotion base for daytime wear under makeup, and a heavier cream base for overnight. Don't forget to use an eye cream to keep the delicate skin supple and to help

avoid premature lines.

Oily skin should be cleansed with a gel or lotion cleanser containing salicylic acid to clear out the bacteria build-up that can cause breakouts. Scrubbing this type of skin can cause irritation and acne flare-ups, so use a product with AHA to exfoliate the skin. If you have dry areas, you can use an oil-free moisturizing product, preferably in a gel form.

Combination skin can use a foaming cleanser or cleansing lotion with salicylic acid, paying particular attention to the T-zone. An exfoliant product recommended for normal or oily/acne-prone skin can be used. This type of skin tends to be oilier in the T-zone, so use a very lightweight, water-based moisturizer where needed.

Eye creams are important not only to moisturize, but to reduce puffiness as well. Creams are used on dry skin, while the gels are good for under eye puffiness. For years, movie stars have used Preparation H cream or ointment underneath the eye to control puffiness, add moisture, and tighten the skin. I don't recommend this on a daily basis, but for a special night out it will work wonders!

Thought for a smile: A winning football game on a cool, crispy day!

And remember ... **Beauty is our Business!**

Melha Temple Shriners To Hold 2nd Annual Auction

The Melha Temple Shriners will hold their second annual auction to benefit their temple at 133 Longhill Street in Springfield on Saturday, December 2nd.

A preview of items will be from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, with the auction starting at 12:00 noon and continuing until all items are auctioned off.

The auctioneer will be Joe Rossi of Rossi Auctioneers and Appraisers of Agawam. Rossi and his wife, Rose, have been assisting the members of

the Temple in their planning for the second auction, and everything will be in place on Saturday, December 2nd, for the 12:00 noon start.

Items that will be on the auction block will include antiques and collectibles, sports memorabilia, and gift certificates for goods and services.

If you're looking for an unusual item, you may just find it at an auction like this one. So mark the date down on your calendar now and head for 133 Longhill

Street on Saturday, December 2nd.

Food and drink will also be on sale during the auction, as well as a bake sale provided by the ladies of Melha Temple.

Bring the family. Cash or check only, and enjoy the day at the second annual "Shriners Auction" at our banquet hall at 133 Longhill Street in Springfield.

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Ag. Council On Aging Seeks Essay Entries

Agawam Council on Aging seeks entries to the national "A Trip to Remember" essay contest for seniors 55 and older. This contest rewards the best stories about traveling by Greyhound Bus, and entries can only be submitted through senior centers. The contest is sponsored jointly by Greyhound Lines and the National Council on Aging (NCOA).

Winners will be chosen in 12 categories ranging from romantic stories to stories about trips to historical sites. Storywriters will receive two 7-day Greyhound Ameripasses, a one-year membership in Greyhound Senior Club, and a prepaid calling card. The 12 winning essays, as well as the essays of final-

ists, will be published in a book. Senior centers that provide the most entries also receive awards.

The contest provides a wonderful opportunity to recall and share a memory. Last year's winners traveled to Washington, D.C., where they received their prizes at the national meeting of The National Council on Aging. This year's winner will receive **free round-trip travel for two to New Orleans** to receive their prizes at the NCOA's annual conference in March 2001.

Entries must be submitted through the Agawam Senior Center by November 30, 2000. Call Gail at 789-7199 for more information.

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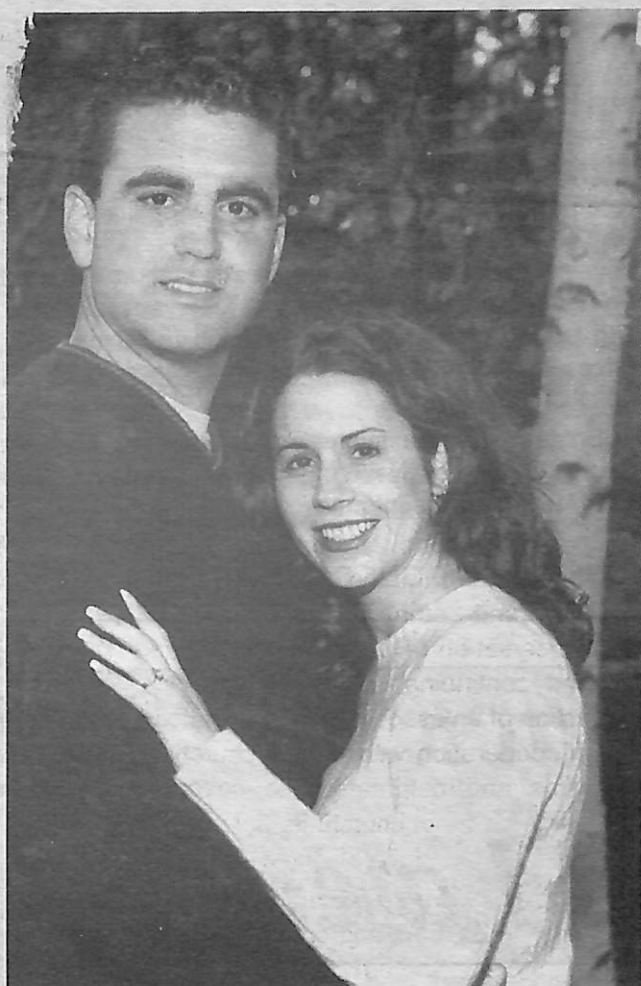


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Kerry Ann Robinson Engaged To Wed Craig J. Medeiros

Noreen W. Robinson of Feeding Hills is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Kerry, to Craig Medeiros. Parents of the future groom are Philip & Mary Ann Medeiros of Monson.

Kerry is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Westfield State College and then went for her master's degree in social work from Springfield College. She is a juvenile probation officer in Hampden County.

Craig is a 1987 graduate of Monson High School. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing at Westfield State College. Craig is employed at Conwood Sales Co. L.P.

The couple is planning a May 26, 2001 wedding.

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Jr. Women's Club To Hold "Breakfast With Santa" Dec. 3rd

On Sunday, December 3rd, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the Agawam Middle School from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. to meet with all good boys and girls for a pancake and sausage breakfast.

All children can bring their letters to Santa, and make sure to include your return address. Photos will be taken with Santa and the children.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the breakfast. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults are \$3.50, and children are \$2.50.

A collection of non-perishable food will be taken for the Junior Women's Holiday Baskets, which help less fortunate Agawam families have a happy holiday.

There will also be a collection of wireless phones, which will be refurbished, reprogrammed, and distributed to victims in need.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.



SANTA & MRS. CLAUS will again be guests of the Agawam Junior Women's Club during the Annual "Breakfast With Santa & Mrs. Claus" to be held Sunday, Dec. 3rd at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Agawam Cultural Council's Program Listings For "First Friday" Series 2000-2001

* December 1st, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

HATS OFF TO AMERICANA: Music and vaudeville act presented by Carol Pedigree.

* February 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

THE MOUNT TOM RANGE: Robert Schobe, historian and lecturer, will provide a historical tour of people, places, and things with pictures.

* March 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

MICHAEL WHITE, AUTHOR: Novelist and short story writer.

* April 6th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

DUSTI DEFRESNE, VOCALIST: Oldies, rock and roll, and country songs.

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Church News

At Agawam Congregational Church...

Service Of Installation For Reverend Earl E. Eisenbach

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

On October 29th at 4:00 p.m., the Agawam Congregational Church was the scene for a service of installation for Reverend Earl E. Eisenbach as the new pastor for that church.

Participants in the service included The Reverend Dr. Eric W. Bascom, Minister at Large, United Church of Christ; The Reverend Allyn B. Benedict, Rector, Church Parish, Watertown, CT; The Reverend Lorrie Dunham-Bergmann, Moderator, Hampden Association; Mrs. Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music; The Reverend Len Cowan, Rector, St. David's Episcopal Church, Agawam, MA; The Reverend Thomas F. Dean, Pastor, First Church of Christ, Unionville, CT; The Reverend J. Jey Deifell, Jr. Senior Pastor, First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT; Mr. Brian Doyle, Director of Men's Ministries, Vision New England; The Reverend Earl E. Eisenbach, Pastor, Agawam Congregational Church; and The Reverend Toby Gbeh, Pastor, New Milford Chapel, New Milford, CT.

Also, Mr. Robert Magovern, President, City Council, Agawam, MA; The Reverend Dr. Donald W. Morgan, Minister Emeritus, 1st Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT; The Reverend Dr. Roger S. Nicholson, Minister at Large, United Church of Christ; Mr. Victor Ruby, Moderator, Agawam Congregational Church; Ms. Deborah Shepard, Chairperson, Committee of Church and Ministry, Hampden Association; The Reverend David W. Spollett, Senior Pastor, First Church Congregational, Fairfield, CT; Mr. Warren Tapply, Deacon, Agawam Congregational Church; and The Reverend Lloyd R. Thompson, Pastor, Poquonock Community Church, Poquonock, CT.

After the Prelude to A Service of Praise, Victor Ruby gave a Call to Worship. The people responded with such powerful words as, "Praise God, who invades us with the rush of a mighty wind and fills us with fire" and "Come, Holy Spirit, and find us in our wilderness. Lead us forth into the wonders of your love." Following a hymn, The Reverend Thomas F.



REVEREND EARL E. EISENBACH was recently installed as the new pastor of the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Dean gave a Prayer of Invocation, after which The Reverend David W. Spollett said Greetings.

The Choir Anthem was offered by Nancy Price and Don Besis. A Service of the Word included a Scripture Reading & Blessing by The Reverend Toby Gbeh, and a United Church of Christ Statement of

Faith spoken by The Reverend Dr. Roger S. Nicholson.

Following Scripture Readings by The Reverend Lloyd R. Thompson, The Reverend Dr. Donald W. Morgan presented a sermon on "What Makes A Church Exciting." A Service of Installation began with Greetings from the Hampden Association by The Reverend Lorrie Dunham-Bergmann, followed by the Presentation of Candidate by Deacon Warren Tapply and continuing with the Installation Request, "the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastors and teachers, and the United Church of Christ."

There were then Exhortations from The Reverend Dr. Eric Bascom and the Reverend Dr. J. Jay Deifell, Jr.; a Choir Anthem by Joseph Martin; a Covenant by the Reverend Lorrie Dunham-Bergmann, during which the new Pastor promised to serve the church faithfully, the members of the Agawam Congregational Church affirmed their covenant with their pastor and teacher, and the members of the Hampden Association of the United Church of Christ affirmed their covenant with Agawam Congregational Church and its pastor and teacher.

During the Prayer of Installation, led by The Reverend Allyn B. Benedict, all Clergy were invited to go forward for the laying-on of hands on Earl and his wife, Barbara. The Declaration of Installation was given by The Reverend Lorrie Dunham-Bergmann, followed by Greetings from the Agawam Clergy by The Reverend Len Cowan; the Town Council, City of Agawam, by Robert A. Magovern, President of the Council; and Vision New England by Brian Doyle.

There was then a Recessional Hymn, a Benediction and Choir Response led by Reverend Earl E. Eisenbach, and a Postlude.

After the ceremony, everyone was invited to attend a reception in Bryan Hall.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

Wellspring Of Godliness

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High. --Psalm 92:1

When we consistently thank God from our hearts, we become more godly. This thought came to me while I was reading a letter from an elderly pastor friend whom I have known for more than 40 years. He marveled at the goodness of the Lord to him--a fruitful ministry into his eighties, a wonderful marriage for more than 60 years, a loving family, and a host of friends, many of whom became believers through his witness. Looking back over his life, he said, "I don't know if I am finishing well, but I am finishing thankful." I told him I believe that anyone who finishes life thankful, finishes well.

I am convinced that genuine thankfulness is the wellspring of godliness. People who truly see their unworthiness of God's favor and are filled with gratitude to the Lord for His goodness, mercy, and grace to them cannot be proud, discontented, selfish, unforgiving, or hateful.

If we daily reflect on all that the Lord has done for us, we will become thankful people. And thankful people become godly people. Indeed, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High" (Ps. 92:1). --HVL

*Give me a spirit of thankfulness, Lord,
For numberless blessings given,
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Thanksgiving...

This is the time of year when some people's thoughts and hearts turn to God. The business of summer and the crush of fall schedules are now but fading memories. The holidays are upon us. We may feel a desire to be more spiritually contemplative, and to be more sensitive to God. But is there anything we can do to make that happen?

There is some simple and concrete guidance set forth in the Bible, showing us how to draw closer to God. It's so simple, each and every one of us can do it. One surefire way to draw near to God is to thank Him for all He does for us. The Bible says, *Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.* We're not to mutter or mumble when we thank God. *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.*

How can we get started? Begin with simple things, whatever comes to mind. One man driving his car on a one-hour trip decided to spend the time thanking God for whatever came to mind. He offered simple

prayers of thanksgiving, generally just a sentence or two at a time. When his journey was completed, he found he'd barely scratched the surface.

One of the things which can get in our way of thanking God for His many blessings is worry. Just about anything gets our "worry engines" working. However, it's been said that worry doesn't change anything but the lining of our stomachs.

Jesus said, *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"*

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has

enough trouble of its own."

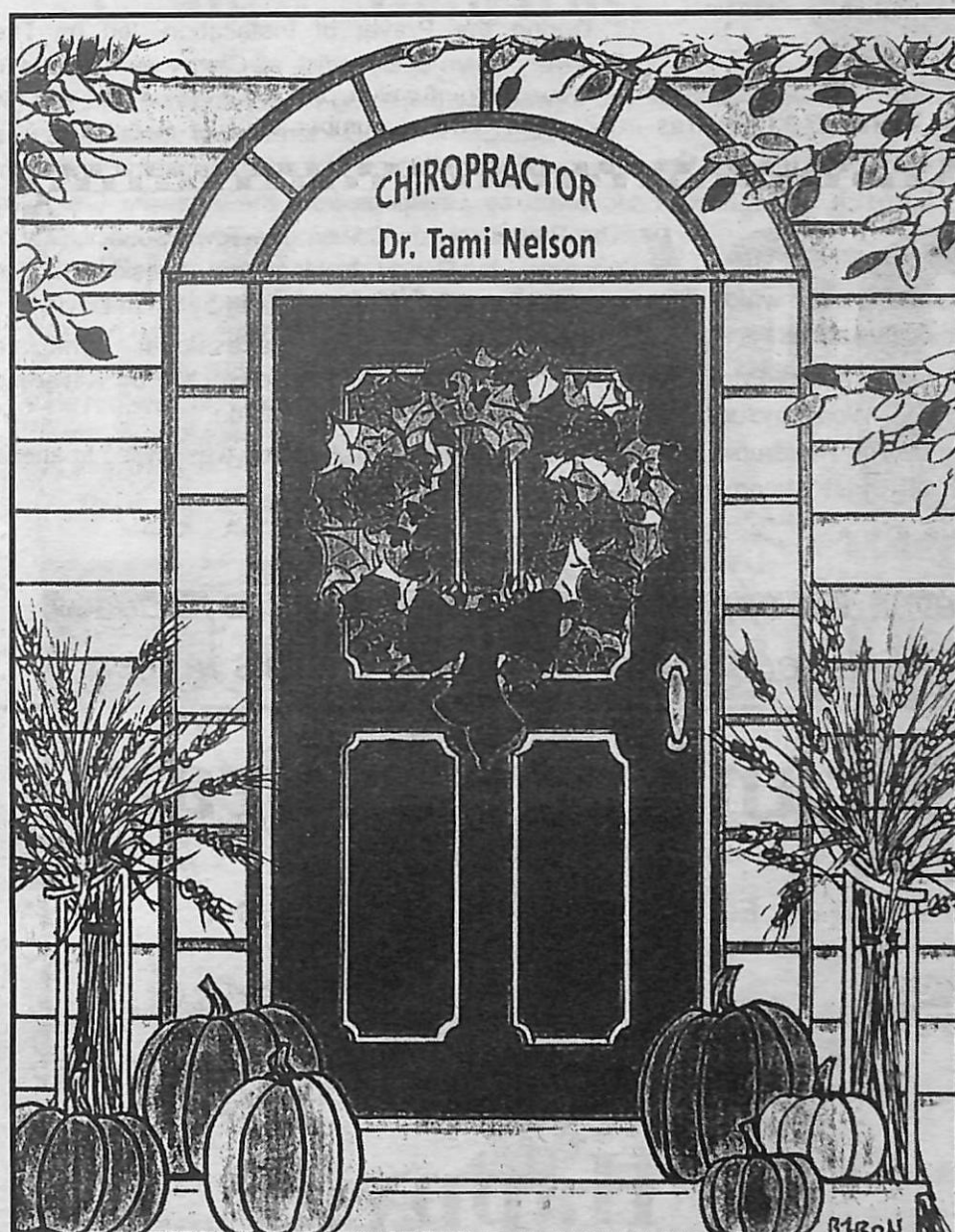
No matter what kinds of difficulties we endure, there is so much to be thankful for. Oh sure, we could complain, but that will only compound our misery and the misery of those around us. The much better path is the path of thanksgiving.

Another thing which interferes with thanking God is complaining. Complaining comes from a negative perspective, then goes on to feed a negative perspective. Negativity does not lend itself to thanking God, or anybody else, for that matter. The Bible admonishes us, *do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation.*

The Bible goes on to say, *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Rev. Peter Monahan's "Reflections..." is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS.

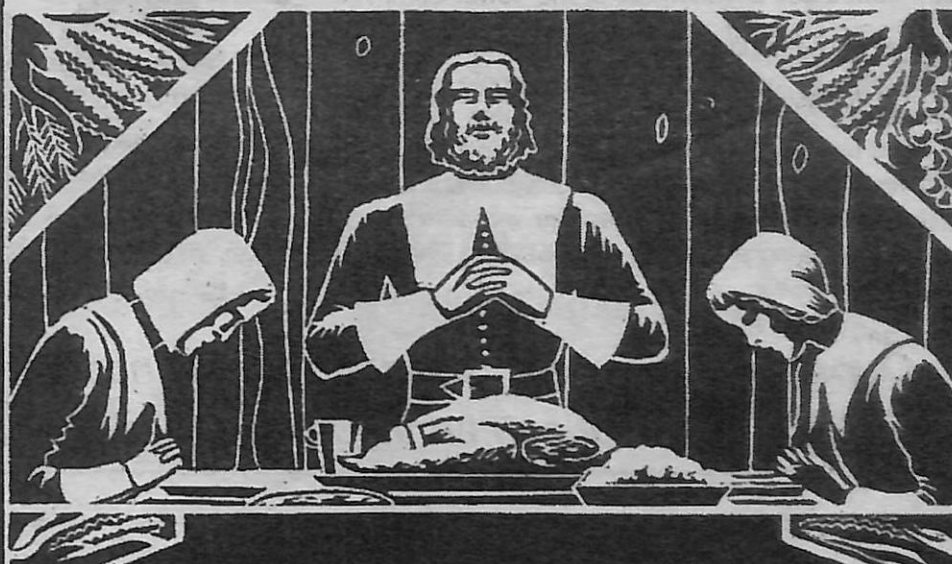


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News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the collection of pledges for the Gift & Promise Campaign.

The Bible reading will be Joel 3:9-16. Jason Matteson will be Lector. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman.

Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, may leave when indicated for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

Confirmation Class will meet next on Wednesday, December 6th, at 6:30 p.m. The class will meet again on Friday, December 8th, at 6:45 p.m. for a trip to Sinai Temple in Springfield.

The flower committee will again be taking orders for Christmas poinsettias. The poinsettias are only \$11 for a 7-1/2 pot with eight to 10 flowers. Your order needs to be placed with us by December 6th. The flowers will be available for you to take home after the morning service on December 24th, or you may give them to the church to be donated to a shut-in. Please let us know what you would like to do with them when you order.

Also, remember that you may purchase the flowers in memory or celebration of a family member or friend. This will be listed in the December 24th bulletin.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please call any member of the flower committee or see us after church. Thank you, Sharon Rozanski (786-8743), Betty Bava (786-0679), and Margaret Johnson (525-7420).

On the calendar:

Sunday, November 26th: 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise/Sunday School; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption.

Monday, November 27th: 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, November 28th: 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Financial Stewardship Committee.

Wednesday, November 29th: 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, November 30th: 3:15 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Ag. United Methodist To Celebrate Christ The King Sunday

The Agawam United Methodist Church will celebrate Christ the King Sunday on November 26th. This is the last Sunday of the church year.

Rev. Walter Waitasek will use the theme "Foundation of our lives is built on our understanding of God's will for us." His sermon will be "Who's in charge?" The Scripture will be read from John 18: 33-37.

The congregation invites one and all to celebrate with us at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 459 Mill Street (opposite the Agawam High School).

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Calendar From Agawam Congregational

During the morning worship, child care is available for infants and toddlers.

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service.

Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

There will be no Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service This Week: The office will be closed November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Sunday Afternoon at 4:00 p.m. "Grief Share: Your Journey From Mourning To Joy" continues in the Friendship Room. This is a grief support group led by Pastor Earl and his wife. There is a video presentation on such topics as "When Your Dreams Fall Apart,"

"The Session of Grief," and "Growing Through Grief." The series is Christ-centered and Biblically-based, and includes sharing and healing prayer. This is open to all who are struggling with the loss of loved ones.

Youth Fundraiser - Christmas Wreaths (\$10) - You may sign-up at the coffee hour or call Debbie Most at 789-1195.

New members will be received on December 3rd, and there will be an orientation meeting with prospective members on November 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. Please call the church office at 786-7111.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, the church office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday; call 786-7111.

Events At Crossroads Christian Fellowship

Crossroads is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship leader Michael Caba and Pastor Gary Reiff, teaching.

Luis Palau Crusade Update: There is a need for intercessors as well as individuals willing to serve on a prayer committee which will coordinate several prayer events throughout the months leading up to the actual crusade. For further information, please contact the church office.

Monday morning, 10:30 a.m.

Harp & Bowl: Saturday evening, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (Worship & Intercession).

Worship practice takes place on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Home Groups: Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (Jeremy & Christina Lockwood - Springfield; Mike & MaryAnn Caba - Westfield).

For further information, please call the church office at 821-0937. The fax number is 821-7941.

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At Agawam Congregational Church...

An Exciting New Event This Christmas

The Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street will be hosting an exciting new event for Christmas this year - the "Christmas Tree Festival" on Friday evening, December 1st, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

We will be selling two-, three-, four-, and five-lighted, themed, and decorated artificial trees and wreaths (as well as other larger Christmas decorations) at this evening event for the church and the community. Lighted candles in the windows and lighted trees will all add to the atmosphere.

We encourage everyone to join us in this gala event; if not to buy a tree, then to see the trees and share the holiday spirit. There will be a small admission fee, and light refreshments will be served.

Save the date of December 1st to buy your Christmas decorations for this year. You'll be very happy you did!

From St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's...

Combined Choirs To Present 2nd Annual Cantata

REJOICE! THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON IN BETHLEHEM!

On Sunday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, 74 Bridge Street, the combined choirs from St. Anthony of Padua Church and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, will present a heartwarming story celebrating the birth of our Lord, with the story acted out by the children from the CCD classes.

The public is invited to enjoy and "See How Bright He Shines." Following the program, refreshments will be served at St. Anthony's Hall.

"Church News" is just one reason why you turn our pages each and every week ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

Another Fine Supper At St. David's Church



ATTENDING THE MONTHLY MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER FOR NOVEMBER at St. David's Church in Feeding Hills (from left to right): Maria & Joseph Scuderi, Vincent & Rose Piliero, and baby Rose Johnson (the Pieleros' granddaughter). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



REVEREND LEN COWAN (standing, center of photo), pastor of St. David's Church in Feeding Hills, greets a happy group at the monthly Monday night supper for November (from left to right): Rita Matys, Edna Gonyea, Thelma Gardner, Ruth Clayton (standing), and Virginia Lake. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



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THE CHEF AND HIS CREW in the kitchen at St. David's Church for this month's Monday night supper (from left to right): "Chef" Ken Barrepski, Chris Machos, Joanne Hudson, and Ken Fellows. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

First Baptist's Trading Post Slates "Sale Day"

Call your neighbors and friends and come to the First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam for the Trading Post's "Sale Day" to be held Wednesday, November 29th from 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Upstairs, save 50%; downstairs, save 20%. There will be a \$4 Bag Sale featured from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Included in the sale will be fantastic buys on misses, juniors, men's apparel, stylish stouts, children's clothing, baby articles, coats, jackets, jerseys, sweaters, blouses, jeans, slacks, skirts, shoes, boots, skates, household items, and knickknacks.

Please, no incoming items on sale day.

We hope to see you all there!!

Bethany Church Offers Clothing To The Needy

Bethany Assembly of God, located at Route 57 and Main Street, invites individuals and families who are in need of clothing to visit the church on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Carole and Ron DeMatteo, who manage the free service of community outreach, said the small but busy facility also offers other donated items such as bedding, shoes, toys, and games.

For more information, call 789-2930.

Announcements From St. John's

PARISH WEB SITE: Our Web Site has been completed and is up and running. The NEW Ministry Schedules are posted should you lose your printed copy. Suggestions welcomed. www.stjohnsevanglistchurch.org

GIVING TREE: Our special parish project, THE GIVING TREE, is well under way again. We have been gathering the names of needy families and the process of organizing all the details is well under way. The tree will appear on the first Sunday of Advent for your participation

ANNUAL BAZAAR - DEC. 2ND: The Annual Bazaar is almost here. Have you returned your raffle stubs? We need your help to make this year's fundraiser for the parish the best yet! The Jewelry Booth could use any old jewelry. Just drop it off at the Parish Office as "Jewelry."

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH: Our new program for all who would like to take a basic look at the Bible continues on Thurs. nights at 7:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY PROGRAM: We have begun our *Preschool Program* for children ages 3-5 in the lower Church during the 9:30 Mass each Sunday. We hope families will find this a helpful service.

PARISH PLAY GROUP: The Parish Play Group meets in the lower Church each Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. For info, call Julianne Rossi at 786-3744.

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Spotlight on Business

Kinney's 1-Hour Photo And Portrait Studio Approaches One Decade In Business

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Kinney's 1-Hour Photo and Portrait Studio, located at 371 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, opened in June 1991 and is approaching 10 years in business.

Kinney's is a family business. Owner Richard W. Kinney has over 30 years of quality photofinishing knowledge and experience. His partner and wife, Ann M. Kinney, is a former hairdresser.

Assistant Manager and Portrait Photographer Marnie M. Kinney, daughter of the owner, is a graduate of Agawam High School. She earned a bachelor of arts degree with a major in public relations and a minor in business.

Carol Wing has 25 years as a personnel trainer and has worked part-time for Kinney's since the company opened in 1991. One of the outstanding features of Kinney's is the personal attention they give to their customers. They always seem to greet customers with a smile and they know most customers by name.

A native of Maine, Richard Kinney was in the Marine Corps until 1968 when he and his wife, Ann, decided to remain in Agawam.

He went to work at Standard Photo and expressed a wish to learn every aspect of photo finishing. Standard Photo experienced several corporate changes, becoming first Technicolor, then 3M-APG, and then Qualek-Kodak.

During those years, Kinney was involved in printing and supervising. He then became print plant superintendent, then director of operations of the mini-lab division of Qualek/Kodak of New York and Pennsylvania.

Services available at **Kinney's 1-Hour Photo and Portrait Studio** include enlargements, copy print work, slide developing, slide to prints, portraits, commercial accounts, black and whites, passport photos, and film and accessories. The laboratory process is set for 35 mm and 110 mm film. Richard Kinney pointed out that they can make negatives from pictures, too.

"From them new pictures can be made from the negatives. We do reproductions but not restorations. A lot of people find old negatives and old photos such as 120 wide roll or old black and white tin photos and cepia, and we can reproduce from these right on the premises.

"Customers can request one-hour service, or one or two days. In general, the longer the time allowed, the less expensive the developing costs," Richard Kinney said.

Closed on Sundays, **Kinney's 1-Hour Photo** would have film dropped off on Saturday ready on Monday if one-day service were requested, and on Tuesday if the customer wanted two-day service.

On Mondays, Kinney's stays open until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursdays, they are open until 7:00 p.m.

1-Hour same day or next day prices include - 12 exposures - \$7.13; 24 exposures - \$10.97; 36 exposures - \$14.81 for 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 prints. 2 Day Discount



MARNIE M. KINNEY AND HER FATHER, Richard W. Kinney, have plenty to smile about these days over the success of their Walnut St. Ext. business, Kinney's 1-Hour Photo & Portrait Studio. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Prices include - 12 exposures - \$3.99; 24 exposures - \$6.99; 36 exposures - \$9.99 for 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 prints, using 110 or 35 mm color only.

Kinney's offers a number of Christmas card designs. The Christmas card order sheet is available now. Ask for your envelopes in advance for addressing. Customers can include a color negative choice. Now is the perfect time to make ready for the Christmas season.

The Photo Greeting Card Packages include 25 cards with envelopes for \$19.95. For an additional 25 cards, it's just \$10 more. **Something New to Send To Loved Ones**

are festive "Insert" photo cards which leave room to write a personal message, come in a 10-pack, are priced \$12.50 for 10 cards with envelopes and at \$17.50 per pack for cards, envelopes and reprints. The cards are not sold separately.

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Domestic Law Issues...

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Buy-Out Process

Question: My wife and I have agreed that I will deed to her my interest in our home in exchange for which she will give me the sum of \$20,000, payable on January 1, 2002. We also agree that she will continue to pay the monthly mortgage to X Bank, but I am worried about what will happen if my wife stops paying the mortgage. Should I worry about this?

Answer: You should do more than worry - you should not sign the agreement at this time. Agreeing to a monetary buy-out of your interest in real estate is only the first step in the buy-out process. Have you discussed whether or not your wife is will also be paying you simple interest on the \$20,000 she owes you? If she borrowed \$20,000 from the bank today, the bank would charge her an interest rate of about 8%. Just like you would shop for a bargain interest rate, you and she can negotiate the interest rate she should pay you; of course, there may be special circumstances where 0% interest would apply.

X Bank is not a party to the divorce action; therefore, if your wife stops paying the monthly mortgage, and both you and your wife are named as mortgagees who owe the money to X Bank, X Bank will seek payment from both of you. That means, notices of deficient payment, foreclosure, etc., will be sent to both of you. You may develop a bad credit report. If you are employed, your paycheck could be attached for collection of a debt. In essence, you could end up paying the entire mortgage to X Bank, after the divorce, even though your wife agreed to pay X Bank in the divorce.

To protect yourself, your wife should refinance the real estate to remove your name from the mortgage. You could also receive your \$20,000 at the time of the refinance. After the refinance, you have no further responsibility to X Bank. This is the best solution for you.

However, if your wife has been rejected by banks for refinancing because her credit history is poor or her income is low, she may need to have another family member sign on the new mortgage with her to effectuate a refinancing to remove your name.

If refinancing or other bank procedure is not an option, consider selling the real estate. At a real estate closing, the mortgage and other liens or record will be paid in full. You and your wife can then agree on how to divide the net profit or pay the net delinquency.

Often the parties will simply agree to hold a harmless and indemnification clause in their divorce agreement as the only resolution. Although this is a cost-effective means of resolving the issue today, you still will need to take legal action against your wife in the future, if or when you are sued by X Bank for wife's

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Goal-Setting Made Easy

It seems the media is just full of things that we are supposed to be doing to be healthier, wealthier, and happier. The problem is that in order to do new things, we have to give up spending time doing old things that we had gotten really good at doing. And let's face it, it's not fun to think about giving up what we are good at doing. So I am not going to talk about quitting things. Instead, I will talk about doing more of the things you like to do.

First thing we need to do is get a picture in our heads. "Goal" is a popular word these days. You hear about both short- and long-term goals. Think of what you want, just make sure you put some happiness and energy into your goals, however you go about doing it.

With that done, let's look at some goals that are easy to get happy and energetic about. More than

likely you already do some things really well. So make at least some of those things you do well into goals for the future. Just look back at your last few weeks, months, or years and how you accomplished getting those good things done. Try and figure out how you did them day by day, week by week, and month by month. Now project those activities out across the next few weeks and months. Like magic, you now have some goals you know you can accomplish because you have already done them. You may think I am joking, but just think about it. Are there good things that you enjoyed doing in the past that you are sorry you gave up? Maybe you cut down on caffeine and started to sleep better. Maybe you are balancing your work and family life better. Whatever good and healthy thing you have done, set your goal to keep on doing it.

Of course, like most people, you probably have some goals that you have never reached, but have dreamed about reaching. The first thing to do is to write those things down. Magic happens when you write things down. Of course, it is not magic, it is simply that you are taking abstract thoughts from your brain and turning them into concrete objects you can see, touch, and read.

After you have one or more major life goals written down, why not look at what you already do (remember those good things you are going to keep doing?) that will help you achieve these goals? This time, figure

out how you can increase and/or improve doing them in a way that might help you reach your dreams.

-Finally, set this simple goal: "I will schedule some time during every week to think about how doing the things I already do can help me achieve my dreams. Go ahead and write the times in your schedule. You might just find you are a lot closer to your dreams than you thought.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and President/Founder of Rose Real Estate Group, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to him at 846-0961 or via his e-mail at RaymondRose@aol.com. Listen to his pre-recorded Home Buyer's Info-Line at 846-0923 and feel comfortable to contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter...it's filled with informative and money-saving info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!



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Finding The Right Retirement Plan For Your Business (Part 2 Of 2)

Other retirement plan options. If you are concerned about the costs and administration of a defined contribution plan, you may want to consider a plan that offers many of the same tax advantages with little complexity. Here are a few of your choices:

* **SEP (Simplified Employee Pension)** - Any busi-

ness that has never had a defined benefit retirement plan can establish a SEP regardless of whether it is a sole proprietorship, a partnership, or a corporation. Employers who establish SEPs make tax-deductible contributions to an IRA for each eligible employee. SEPs offer the flexibility to vary your contribution from year to year - or even to skip a year altogether if you choose. Since SEPs are the easiest and least expensive plans to maintain, they are especially popular with very small businesses and professional groups.

* **SIMPLE (Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees)** - The Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 established the new SIMPLE retirement plan. It can be formed as an IRA or a 401(k). Any business with less than 101 employees whose employees made \$5,000 or more in a prior year can establish a SIMPLE IRA. If you decide on a SIMPLE IRA plan for your business, you are required to match employee contributions dollar for dollar (up to three percent of

the participating employee's salary) or make a flat two percent contribution to all employees. Keep in mind that you must offer the plan to all employees that earned \$5,000 annually in two prior years and who are expected to earn \$5,000 in the current year. The maximum salary deferral is \$6,000.

As a business owner, you make choices every day that affect you and your employees. Choosing the right retirement plan is among the most important choices you will make. A qualified financial advisor can help you sort out the facts and compare the pros and cons of each of these plans or others. That way, when your decision is made, you and your employees can rest assured that your retirement dollars are hard at work.

(Note: As with all tax-deferred retirement plans, taxes are due upon withdrawal, and there may be a 10 percent IRS penalty on withdrawals prior to age 59-1/2.)

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failure to pay the mortgage. However, if the wife files bankruptcy at a later date, you will be left as the only party X Bank can legally seek to pay this mortgage. Also, if you try to purchase another house, your name will still be listed as a mortgagee on the house deeded to your spouse in the divorce. Your spouse has no obligation to remove your name from the mortgage.

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Employment Wrongful Termination - Denial Of Future Benefits

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At the conclusion of the probation, he was discharged as branch manager. Approximately four months later, he resigned from the firm.

The claimant, who had been one of the branch's top producers, alleged that these employment actions against him were wrongful and were designed to deny him future compensation and benefits due him.

After 15 days of arbitration, the panel awarded the claimant the value of a "longevity bonuses" to which he argued he was entitled, as well as the appreciated value of a "capital accumulation plan" in which, under the plan's terms, employees forfeit their entire investments if they leave the firm prior to the two-year vesting date, but was nonetheless found to be entitled to his original investment as well as the appreciated value of the investment.

The total amount of the award was \$845,303.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030.

If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Home Improvement...

This is the second part in a two-part series on Winterizing Your Home. This week's article takes a closer look inside your home.

Preparing for the cold weather can help keep your family comfortable throughout the winter months, and keep your utility bills to a minimum:

- * Check windows for drafts. Add weather stripping to seal up large gaps, or cover windows with plastic.

- * If you heat with oil, make sure you are on a regular schedule. Have your furnace serviced once a year.

- * If you heat with forced hot air, make sure you are replacing the air filters once a month.

- * Have you duct work checked and cleaned. Cleaning the inside of ductwork increases efficiency and improves the quality of the air.

- * Leaky ductwork wastes energy and can drive up utility bills. Use duct tapes or sealants to tighten up

ducting at joints, elbows and connectors. Insulating ductwork improves air quality and reduces noise.

- * If you heat with radiators, make sure they are clean and not obstructed with furniture or flammable items.

- * If you use portable heaters, make sure they are safe. Never use propane or kerosene heaters unless they are designed for indoor use. Check portable electric heaters to make sure they have automatic shut-off switches if the heater is knocked over.

- * If you use wood stoves, make sure you only burn clean, dry firewood and black and white newsprint.

- * If you are unsure about the condition of your wood stove or its connections, have them checked by a professional.

- * Remember that a standard fireplace looks great, but is NOT energy-efficient.

- * Now is a good time to purchase a carbon monoxide detector. With whatever source you use for heating, the chances are greater for a carbon monoxide leak in the winter months.

- * Reverse the direction of your ceiling fans, and run them on low. Remember that heat rises, so keep it pushed down back into the room whenever possible.

- * Never leave your house vacant without putting the heat on. Set the thermostat at 58 degrees and leave all interior doors open to increase air circulation.

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Schedules Holiday Breakfast For Friday, Dec. 8th

Chez Josef will be the location of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce Holiday Breakfast on Friday, December 8th. The breakfast, sponsored by Dan & Nancy's Antiques, will be held from 7:15-9:00 a.m. at the banquet facility.

Featured holiday entertainment will include dancers from the Shooting Star Dance Studio and the Agawam High School Choir and Musicians. Dave Ratner and Sandy Gentile of Dave's Soda and Pet City, Inc. are slated to appear as guest speakers, featuring various animals during their presentation.

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Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's Day ... all times to gather with family and friends. But, while the holidays are supposed to be a happy time, the stress of deciding where to spend your holidays could spell the holiday blues.

You want to visit with your mother on the holidays who lives in another state. But your wife wants to visit with her sister where her parents and cousins will be in the neighboring town. What to do?

"The holidays are supposed to be happy times when you renew and strengthen relationships with family and friends, but when you are forced to make decisions about where to spend the holidays, then that can lead to conflict," said Dr. Benjamin Liptzin, chief, Department of Psychiatry, Baystate Health System.

Liptzin recommends discussing your choices open-

ly.

"The best way to deal with the decision-making process is to consider the options and anticipate what the reactions will be," Liptzin said.

And, the key is compromise.

"It may be possible to spend one day of the holiday with one side of the family, and the other day with the other family, or you can alternate years," Liptzin suggested.

"Another option would be to create your own holiday tradition at your home with both families in attendance, along with your friends," he added.

Liptzin also noted that it is a good idea to let both families know that you are "trying the best you can."

"It is important to reassure family members that you do care about them and are thinking about them during the holidays," he said.

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The membership of Overeaters Anonymous is varied, both in its make-up and in the eating behaviors

and experiences which brings each individual to OA. If you are new to Overeaters Anonymous or have yet to hear a "story" that matches your own, please consider these meetings. OA members may not all be alike, but none are totally unique. The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for membership.

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Four Times As Many Drugs To Be Launched...

Leading pharmaceutical companies have set aggressive goals by planning to quadruple the number of new medicines launched annually, according to new Andersen Consulting research.

Is public health and welfare the driving force behind these goals? No. In the exact words of the company doing the research, the goals were set in order to "meet shareholder expectations" (emphasis added).

"Leading pharmaceutical companies' growth will be fueled by both the increased volume as well as the selection of new drug candidates with higher revenue potential," said Mary Jo Veverka, the Andersen Consulting partner who led this research.

The report, titled "Delivering on the Quest for Better Medicines," was based on interviews with more than 100 pharmaceutical company executives and regulatory officials.

"Research participants shared many of their changing tactics and strategies to increase the volume and revenue potential of new medicines over the next decade," an Anderson press release noted.

(SOURCE: "Leading Pharmaceutical Companies To Quadruple Number Of New Medicines Launched Annually, According To New Andersen Consulting Research," Andersen Consulting, Mar. 14, 2000.)

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Giving Thanks

Is there room at the table?

Read more about this in today's FOR YOUR HEALTH column.

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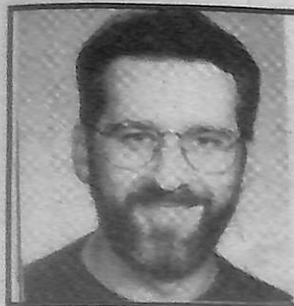
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Is There Room At The Table?

I remember running up my grandmother's front steps, racing my four brothers and sister to see who could get to the front door first to ring the doorbell. I was in the lead this one Thanksgiving Day. I was just about to ring it when along came my older brother, pushing my arm out of the way at the last second. He rang the bell and immediately started in with, "I beat you! I beat you!" He hardly recognized he was looking down at me crying on the ground after his shove.

By age eight, I learned not to fight back and keep my mouth shut; otherwise, I'd receive the "punch" from my older brother in the middle of my back. The punch was particularly effective because it kept me from talking and very often from even breathing.

This Thanksgiving was particularly special. On my mother's side of the family, all the grandchildren, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents were present. The dining room and living room had seating for 35. There was adult seating at the dining room table. The older aunts and uncles captured the extended living room table, while the kids sat at two card tables off

to the side.

Two large stuffed turkeys, eight different vegetables, bowls of potatoes and sweet potatoes, all the trimmings, and plenty of wine and drink filled the two rooms with a scent of love. The meal began without prayer and soon was filled with recycled stories of pain, bigotry, and shame cloaked in "harmless humor."

I was the brunt of much of the ridicule because I always kept my food on my plate from touching. I refused the pressure to put gravy on my meat, obligatory vegetable, stuffing, and potatoes. I sat there quiet and invisible, sad to hear the same hurtful stories pass between the tables. My family was particularly good at talking about nothing uplifting, all along artfully maintaining "putdowns" on all kinds of people (except, of course, anyone who was Irish).

Years later, I found myself traveling to New York with my family, hoping that things would somehow be different. Great-grandchildren now sat at the card tables, and I graduated to the living room table. My brother had long since stopped punching me with his fist, but the "punch" now came in the form of continued ridicule (despite gravy mixed together with a variety of foods on my plate).

My kids were now exposed to the same recycled stories, along with a vivid retelling of how I always kept my food from touching. I looked back at my kids' pensive faces, wondering what was going on. That was nine years ago. I haven't been back to that table, leaving room for someone else to endure what it

means to be a family member.

I now attempt to grow our own family tradition for giving thanks. We have a modest table setting where prayer begins our time together. Stories emerge from each of us about what fills our lives with abundance and goodness. The occasional fight bubbles up without ridicule or "putdowns." A new possibility grows each year, free from the family tradition of shame and bigotry. Humor is humor, and time together seeks to honor and "build up" one another.

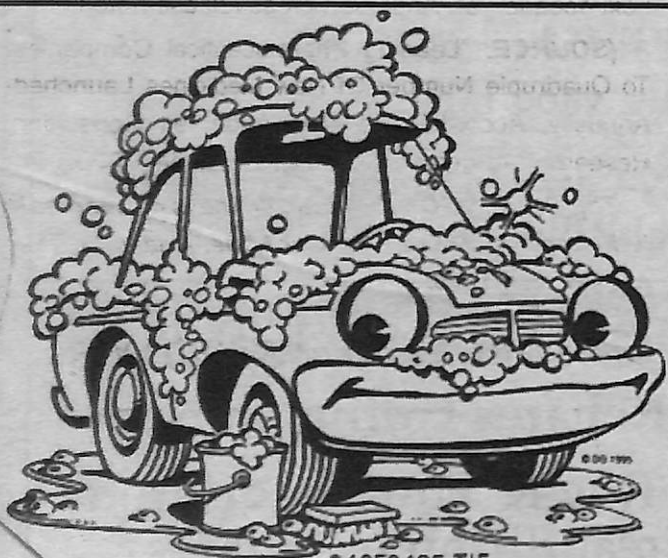
Sometimes it takes not just removing yourself from the table, but spending considerable energy developing worthwhile traditions where there is room at the table for a different type of love.

My hope for you is that whatever your "story," you may work at creating a space and way of relating that offers new ways to celebrate abundantly the goodness that is possible with both family and the stranger.

Please e-mail, telephone, or write me with your feedback and *"Let's Talk about it."* If you respond, please know that I may use your response in my column and I will maintain your anonymity, unless you indicate otherwise.

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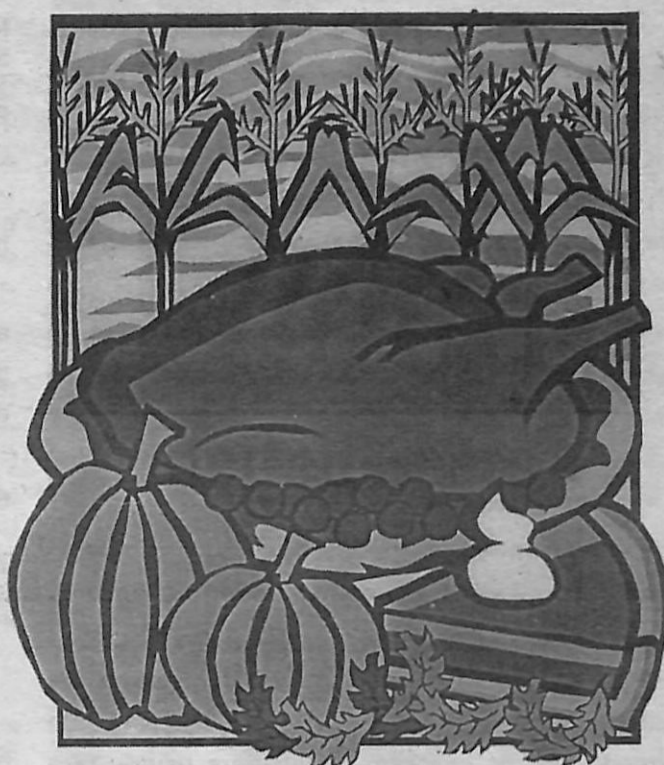
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The group offers information on topics of interest to people with cancer, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

A break-out group, designed specifically for those who have lost a loved one to cancer, meets on the first Monday of the month. A break-out group for caregivers, meets on the second Monday of the month. Private sessions are also available for young people who have a parent with cancer.

Please call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453, for more information.

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"We are looking for caring people who are willing to take the time to learn the necessary skills to become effective volunteers, make a time commitment to their patients, and maintain strict confidentiality," said Caroline Stanton, Volunteer Coordinator.

Companion volunteers typically work from two to five hours per week. During that time, they may provide companionship, offer supportive listening, provide temporary respite for family caregivers, assist with meal preparation or light housekeeping, run errands and do shopping. "Volunteers usually take one patient at a time and work with that patient throughout the course of the illness," explained Stanton.

Hospice is also seeking volunteer therapists trained in massage and Reiki. Stanton explained, "We have one massage therapist volunteering now and she is very much in demand. We are hoping to have additional therapists so more of our patients may take advantage of such a service." Hospice needs volunteers for assignments covering Hampden County and other parts of Worcester and Hampshire Counties.

Persons interested in registering for the volunteer training program or in learning more about being a Hospice volunteer should contact Caroline Stanton, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at VNA & Hospice of Western New England, at the following phone number: (413) 827-4472.

Chronic Pain Support Group At Weldon Ctr.

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital sponsors a free Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends.

The next meeting will be conducted November 28th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in room 224 of the Weldon Center, 233 Carew St.

The group is led by Glenn Fagen, Ph.D., a clinical neuropsychologist at the Weldon Center.

Dr. Fagen will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain; participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn pain management techniques.

For more information, call Dr. Fagen, (413) 748-6996.

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Coming To The Senior Center...

Agawam Cultural Council To Host Vaudeville Act Friday, Dec. 1st

On December 1st, the Agawam Cultural Council will present Carol Pedigree at the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, at 7:30 p.m. This location is a change from the flyer announcement. The title of her show is "Hats Off To Americana."

Carol Pedigree uses an assortment of props, such as hats and bouquets of flowers, to add an exciting dimension to her one-woman vaudeville act. Watching her perform her vaudeville routine, the first thing you wonder is, "Where on earth does she get all that energy?"

Describing herself as "a vaudevillian," Pedigree puts on an hour-long show that's non-stop song, a little dance, fancy hats and feather boas, and lots of fun. Her routines grew out of two loves - performing and the desire to bring joy to others.

She leads her audience in an historical, musical review of the 1890's through the 1950's, donning and doffing colorful feather boas, plumed hats, sheer scarves, and fur stoles. Her show is punctuated with humor.

Pedigree is a Greenfield native and worked as a medical secretary before earning her bachelor's degree in art history and religion from Smith College. While working as a nursing home activities director in Franklin County and on Cape Cod, she decided to work up a vaudeville routine for residents with material to which they could relate. "I love to perform," she says.

Pedigree's gift for entertaining is evident as she saunters through a room. She worked up the "Hats Off To Vaudeville" show in 1993, using the music and the stories of that era that she herself enjoys. "I like the melody, the rhythm, and the harmony which you find in '20s, '30s, and '40s music."

She is the mother of two grown children and aver-



CAROL PEDIGREE, A POPULAR ONE-WOMAN VAUDEVILL ACT, will appear at the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, December 1st at 7:30 p.m.

ages up to three shows a week, traveling throughout the area in her blue Ford Taurus station wagon with the "HTSOFF" number plate.

This entertaining program is being sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and is free and open to the public.

Agawam Rotary Club To Sponsor Winter Concert On Thursday, December 7th

On Thursday, December 7th, the Rotary Club of Agawam will present Rich & Kathy Mitnick and the Sounds of Music entertainers in a concert at the Agawam Middle School. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m.

This is an annual affair and has always been a popular way to start the season. This annual winter concert is a winner!

The Sounds of Music singers and performers have an excellent reputation for their colorful musical presentations. The Rotary Club sponsors this event to

benefit the West Springfield Parish Cupboard.

Admission is \$3 when you bring a non-perishable food item for the Cupboard; without a food donation, the cost of admission is \$5.

There will also be an opportunity to help with any added expense by taking part in a raffle. Several prizes will be donated by businesses in the area.

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This fun, old-fashioned mystery will be directed by Gini Andrewes and features roles for six men and seven women of all ages. The production will take place in Agawam next spring on May 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th.

To review a script or for further information, call the Great Pretenders' "hotline" at (413) 821-9932.

And if you have ever thought it would be fun to participate "behind the scenes," come to the auditions to let us know you are interested in joining the Great Pretenders.

Community Artists To Present Watercolor Demonstration

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present Stephen Calcasola of Enfield, CT, who will do a watercolor demonstration at the organization's next meeting. This meeting will be held on Monday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists are open to the public.



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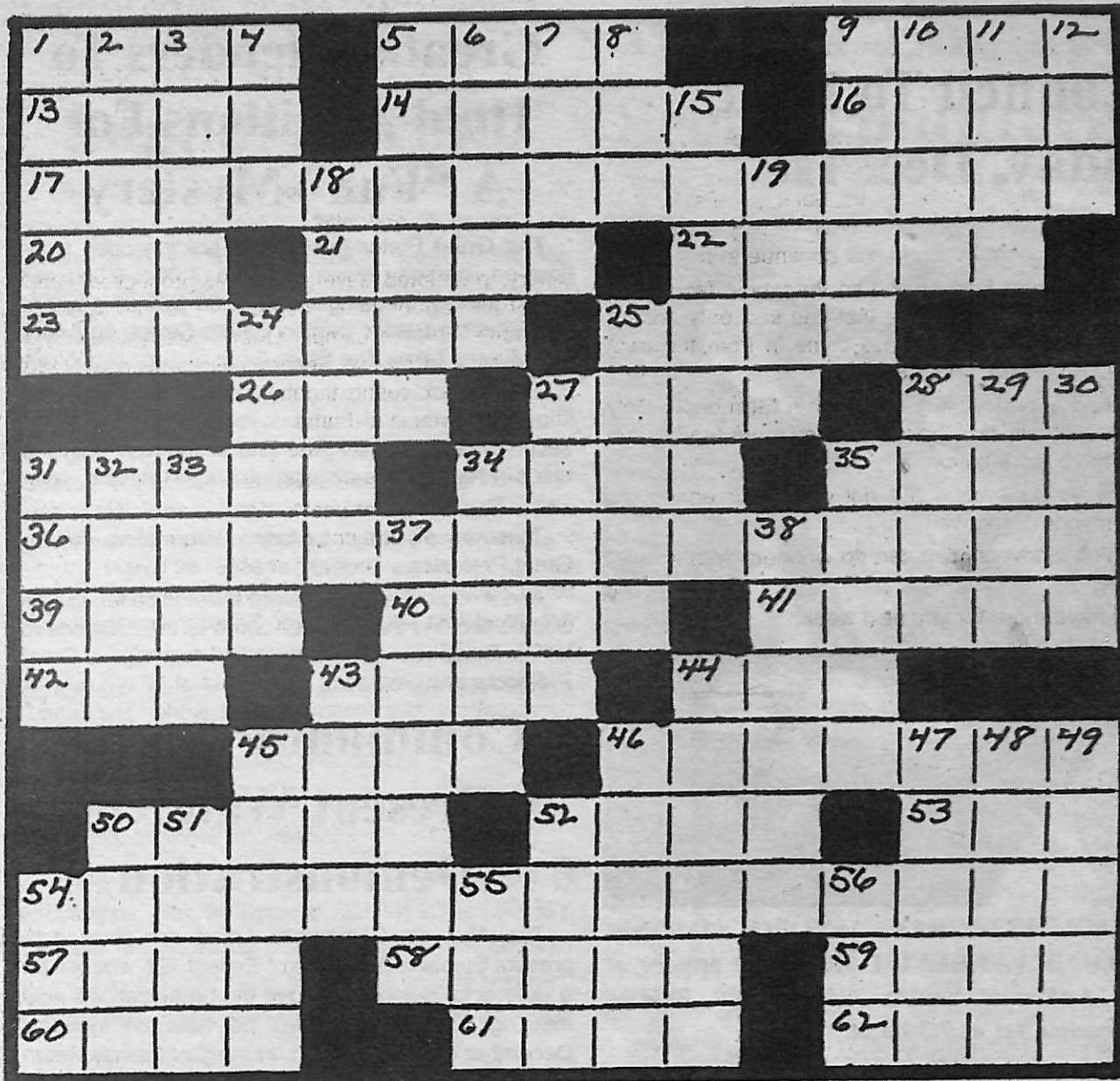
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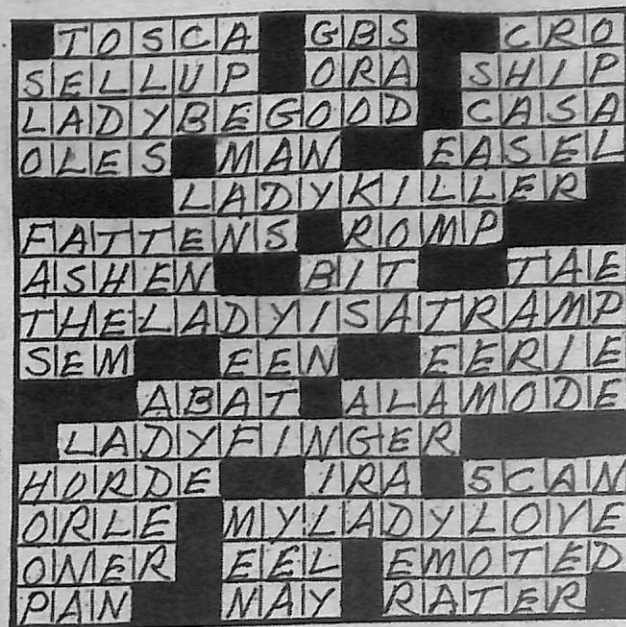
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If you feel like being adventure-filled, add some items to the favorable list that you usually omit. Take this list and a listing of restaurants within your area and look at the qualities of the restaurants. Place them individually on slips of paper and have someone choose. Now, stand by your choice and make the best of the evening. You will find that it is not all that bad, and you may start to like the new flavors that you have experienced.

Remember when you were small? Mom said, "Eat this, you'll like it." You didn't then, but now you do. Isn't that strange?

Now that you have chosen your place of dining, choose from the menu almost the same way. Omit what you know you just can't handle and choose from the remaining. You just might find a new favorite restaurant.

Turkey Day is upon us. Remember, don't add any water to the pan, cook at a lower temp, and cook breast-side down. Tent the bird for the beginning and then remove at the end to crisp up the skin.

Never stuff the bird. That is now a food no-no. Baste with flavors or just the juice.

Flavors? Add enhancements like Kahlua, orange, or herb butters, as well as lots of condiments, and serve with a red Zinfandel wine.

We tend to focus on the bird, but it is the sides that make the meal. From now 'til New Year's Eve, the question of a turkey dinner will continue to pop up.

It's big and tastes good so the whole family can enjoy it along with friends that you see only once a year and relatives that have come in from the west coast.

I tried a fresh turkey right from a farm once. Only once. I actually find the frozen ones more tender, and they have more flavor.

Always remember, "It's not what your eating, it's whom your dining with."

Think leftovers. You can do wonders with leftover turkey.

I'll have more for you next week.



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New Christmas Musical To Premiere At Red Door Theatre

"The Birth," a musical retelling of the Christmas story, is the latest in a long line of original productions presented at The Red Door Theatre, Feeding Hills' award-winning playhouse.

The 120-seat intimate theater has, in its nine-year history, premiered several original productions and numerous adaptations especially for its STAGE Children's Theatre camps. Director/playwrights Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora have written over 20 plays for their young theatre enthusiasts (including this past summer's drama, "Westward Bound," and Secora's new musical, "The Enchanted Melody").

Their Teen Theatre has also premiered several works (including last year's "Puss and Boots"), and their community theatre group - The Hilltop Players Family Theater - has showcased an original mystery/whodunit, as well as several musical revues (including last fall's "Forever Friends" by Agawam's Marlene Allen).

Secora and Pearsons and a cast of 18 are now in rehearsal for their theatre's latest work, "The Birth," written by local musician and composer Michael Rheault.

The retelling of the birth of Christ in semi-rock/opera form is scheduled to run December 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 10th, at 3:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. They may be reserved by calling (413) 789-2026.

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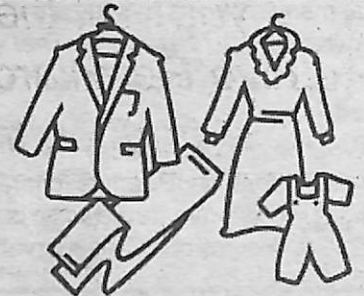
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Movies For Thanksgiving...

Here are some films to rent for Thanksgiving weekend. I hope all AAN readers have a great holiday! Oh, and I do accept any holiday dessert gratuities that you may be inclined to send me! My personal favorite is pumpkin pie with whipped cream! Just kidding, folks.

* **Planes, Trains and Automobiles: 1987. Rated R**

This is one of my fiancée Dianna's favorite Thanksgiving films that, I must say, has grown on me as well over the years. Comedy duo Steve Martin and John Candy star in this disaster movie of sorts about the horrors of travelling.

Martin plays advertising executive Neal Page, who plans on his return home to Chicago to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family. His plans are abruptly altered when he meets Candy's character, Del Griffith. Griffith, a salesman, proceeds to lead Page on a wild-goose chase around the country which, of course, seriously delays his arrival home for the holiday.

This film's great humor is generated not only from the sheer presence of Martin and Candy, but from the situations that they must endure. The film is loaded with everything from humor, drama, and even some great visual effects. Veteran director John Hughes certainly took full advantage of the great comedic talent with which he had the honor of working with on this film.

The most interesting thing about this movie is the role reversal that takes place at the end of the film. The viewer and Martin's character both wish that Griffith would just go away for most of the film. But, when he finally does go away, suddenly we realize that we no longer want him to. This moment is a surprisingly high drama scene that one would not expect out of such a wacky comedy.

This really is a great film to watch during Thanksgiving and is a sure thing considering the talents involved. Martin and Candy, with the mindful direction of Hughes, make this a great film from beginning to end. One thing is for sure; it definitely is not what many movie critics tag a bad film as ... a "turkey." Imagine that, no turkeys on Thanksgiving! **4 STARS.**

* **"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving": 1973. Not rated.**

What would any holiday be without the inclusion of the world-famous Peanuts characters from Charles Schultz. This animated classic is great for young and old alike. Young ones will marvel at the great anima-

tion and lovable characters, while older folks will realize the power of nostalgia as they are transported back to childhood.

This film displays all you have come to expect from Schultz, including great characterizations and a heartwarming story. All of this is presented through the characters of Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, Peppermint Patty, and even two new characters that were first introduced in this film - Woodstock (Snoopy's little bird pal) and Marcie.

Charles Schultz has, for years, been remembered for his thematic holiday charmers that still play annually on television. This is probably his finest holiday piece that is sure to please all who watch. **5 STARS.**

* **"A Walton Thanksgiving Reunion": 1993. Not rated.**

I was walking through the video store looking for Thanksgiving-related films for this week's column, when I stumbled upon this movie that reunited the original cast members of the Waltons television show of the 1970's.

Back are Richard Thomas, Michael Learned, and John Waite in this heartwarming story about the power of family bonding and the importance of the Thanksgiving holiday we celebrate. All cast members reprise their roles perfectly and present their respective characters as older and wiser since the series was cancelled in the late 70's.

As with the television series, this film relies heavily upon the viewers' pre-existing fondness for the characters. You will find yourself deeply involved with each character's life and, thus, will experience emotional involvement with regard to plot development. This is the reason the film has such strong holding power.

Honestly, I broke a cardinal rule of film critiquing by judging this film before actually watching it. I really didn't expect much more than a shallow and contrived holiday special that would merely blend in with other films of the genre. I was pleasantly surprised at how well the film flows and how intensely it commands your attention. I believe this to be a direct result of the great performances by the original cast members, who bring a realism to their characters instead of the usual paper-thin characterizations that teleplay films such as this are notorious for.

There were other Waltons reunions over the years and I have seen most of them. This one, however, proves to be the best. So whether you are preparing your family's holiday meal or you are just sitting on the couch smelling the holiday meal cooking, pop this in your VCR and enjoy the holiday on Walton's Mountain. **4 STARS.**

* **"PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

Featuring The Agawam Garden Club...

Yuletide Festival At Storowton: Fun For The Whole Family

Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum will present its annual, free winter holiday festival, "Yuletide at Storowton," on Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The weekend event is full of holiday delight for the entire family and takes place in the historic Village on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Participating clubs and florists will include the Agawam, East Longmeadow, Springfield, Westfield, and West Springfield Garden Clubs; Durocher Flowers of West Springfield; and Grandmother's Garden and Pepperberries Flowers & Gifts of Westfield. The Jack Frost "Welcome the Winter" parade will kick off the yuletide excitement at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2nd. Adults and children are invited to dress as their favorite interpretation of winter outdoors or winter's nature. All participants will parade around the Village Green and compete for prizes. The parade begins in front of the Meeting House, and all participants will receive a prize ribbon. (The rain date for the parade is Sunday, December 3rd, at 11:30 a.m.)

Holiday musical performances will emanate from the Village's Meetinghouse to fill visitors with holiday cheer. Warm to the **Sound of New England Sweet Adelines**, sponsored by the West Springfield Arts Council; the **Central High School Madrigal Singers**; and the **High School of Science and Technology Acappella Choir**. The **Western Massachusetts Sharped Note Sacred Harp Singers** will also perform.

The Meetinghouse is home to a rare (c. 1820) Henry Pratt Gallery organ, one of only three still in existence. Storowton organist **Virginia Heyl** of Agawam will demonstrate the beauty and richness of this instrument.

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Education

Smokey The Bear Pays A Visit To Clark School



SMOKEY THE BEAR from the Department of Environmental Management - Bureau of Forest and Fire Control paid a visit to the kindergarten classes of Jane Robinson and the second grade class of Beverly Goodwin. Smokey brought two of his buddies from the forest, Trevor Augustino and Kim Broussard (group photo above). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Department Of Environmental Management staff members Kim Broussard (left) and Trevor Augustino try a forest firefighter's helmet and jacket on second-grader Alexander Honsinger. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Second grade teacher Beverly Goodwin and Smokey The Bear are pictured with students Robert Carrier, Michael Jacobs, Ana Zielinski, and Alyssa Rossi. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Guidance News From Agawam High School

* ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

If you are confused about the financial aid process, don't worry ... help is on the way!

"The Profile," "FAFSA," and institutional financial aid forms will become your constant companions during the next few months. You will be dealing with SAR and EFC forms. If these sound like Greek to you, Agawam High School would like to help.

* "FINANCIAL AID NIGHT"

Agawam High School has scheduled its annual "Financial Aid Night" for Tuesday, December 12th, in the senior high cafeteria from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Lee Sirois, retired Financial Aid Director from AIC, will guide all participants through the various line items on both the profile and the "Free Application For Student Financial Aid" forms.

There will also be ample time for individualized questions on these forms.

If you have never dealt with financial aid, it is essential that you add this night to your event calendar. The night might also prove valuable to you seasoned veterans, as the forms and rules change yearly.

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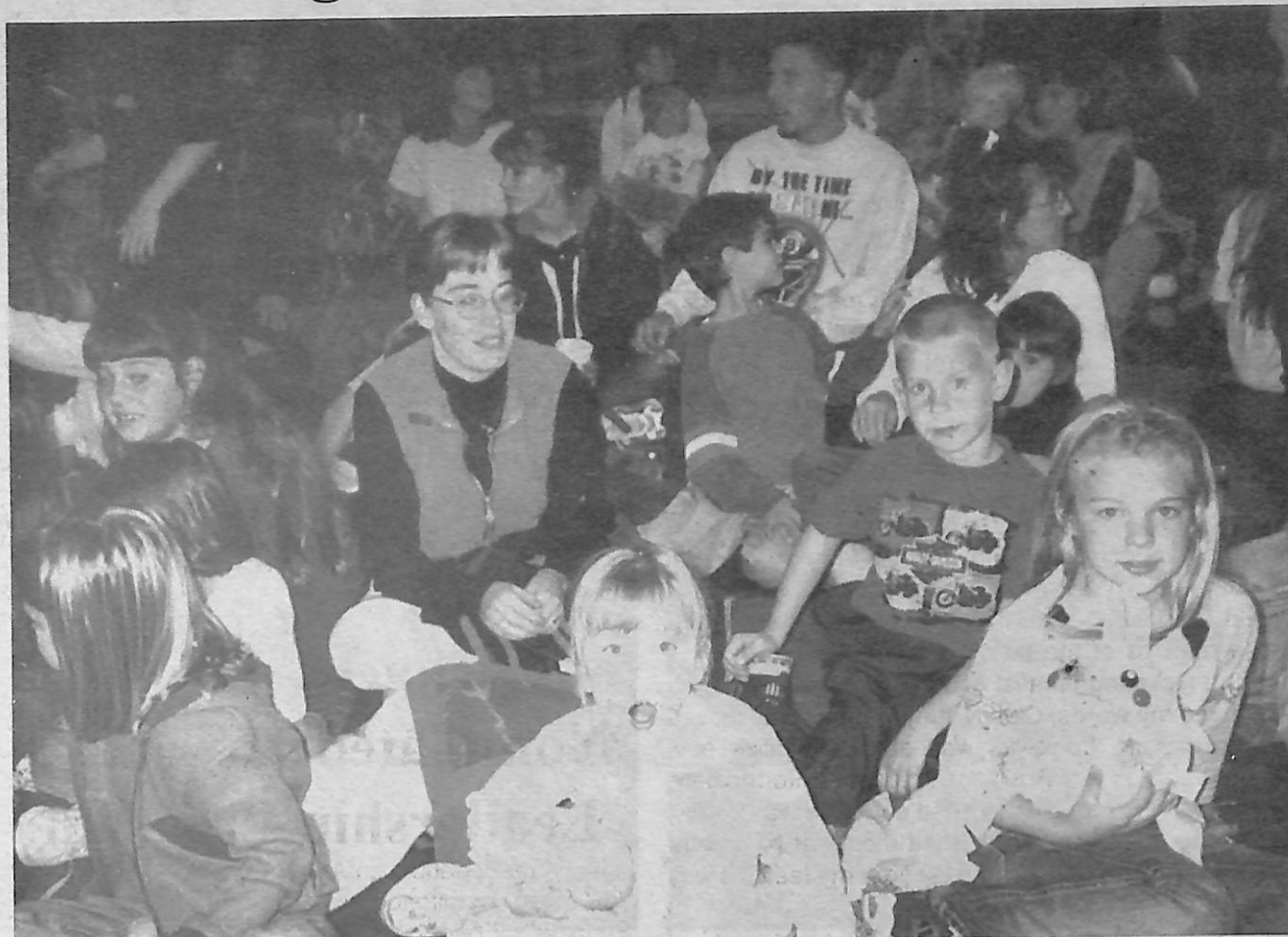


"Nature Walk" For Second Grade



GRADE 2 CLASSES AT JAMES CLARK SCHOOL recently enjoyed a nature hike around school grounds. The students have been studying the interaction of living things from their science program. The field trip was also planned in conjunction with their reading program, "Be a Nature Detective." The children collected plant and mineral samples to examine in the classroom and made a scrapbook about their nature finds. The hike ended with a popcorn picnic. Pictured above are some of Mrs. Lewis' grade two students enjoying the hike around the school perimeter.

Granger School Impressed By Antics Of Tom McCabe



POPULAR KIDS' STORYTELLER TOM MCCABE recently paid a visit to Granger Elementary School and delighted the kids with his many antics. IN TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Tom McCabe amuses student Chris Macaulay in one of his skits.

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Thanksgiving

A few years ago, a former student shared with me his feelings of sadness wondering if life simply involved going to work each day, perhaps squeezing in a little bit of fun time with a wife, sports, etc., and then going to bed at night and beginning the whole routine again. To him, it seemed as if a bus were going by quickly and he was standing off to the side, not truly embracing life. He wondered if it got any better.

Immediately, I thought yes, but then I began to let my mind wander back to when I was on the brink of 30 and felt amazingly similar to how he was feeling; the only difference, in my 50's, I now know why. I had never stopped to smell the roses! I had to make each minute count, but in so doing, I was unable to appreciate any minute and indeed, after a time, began to get burned out.

Every few days, we have to take our cards in to get refueled; yet, we don't allow ourselves to refuel. We need to stop ourselves, regroup, and just think about the beauty around us and the fact that we just ARE.

So, one morning, as the water flowed freely in the shower, I let it flow freely over me, allowing my mind to stop its frenetic motion. I began to think about the forthcoming holiday of Thanksgiving. Since I equate this holiday with family, I began to think of the family that would be present to share in this wonderful holiday and realized that this is why this holiday is probably my favorite because family, warmth, and love surround me.

Thinking of all those who will be seated around the table, I was sentimental. I ponder the candles with their flames burning brightly and am reminded of the light and brightness that my family has brought into my life. Each, in his or her own way, has left an indelible mark on me and has helped to shape me into the person I am today.

I think of my three sons and how much I have

learned from them. From sports, to schoolwork, to relationships, sloppy rooms, fun and laughter, we have shared it all. Yet, how often have I really stopped to appreciate what they have imparted to me? How often have I truly shared with them how much they mean to me? Yes, maybe a hug, a gesture of warmth has shown my feelings, but what have I voiced?

My husband, my helpmate, my soulmate, the one who angers me, cheers me, comforts me, and is just there for me - do I let him know how I feel? Have I shared my thanks and thoughts with him? Have I stopped to truly ponder what he has meant in my life? And so it goes. I could think the same thoughts, and I do, of parents and siblings. Yet, again, have I shared these thoughts? How many times do I hear in my office when a family member has died, "Mrs. Cohen, if only I had told him how I felt, if only..." But, now it is too late.

After I had spoken to that former student, I decided not to be caught up one day in the "if only." I decided to write down my feelings concerning those who would be gracing my Thanksgiving table, and share those feelings at the table. Thinking back, I can still see the flickering flames, and their faces listening so intently to my words. Clearly, they were deeply moved and so was I. Luckily, I was able to realize how blessed I am and share those feelings. Unfortunately, two years later, one seat around our table was empty. My precious, wonderful dad had died, yet how comforted I was to know that I had shared my feelings with him.

As I look around my Thanksgiving table this year, I know I will feel doubly blessed. Indeed, I will know the meaning of "my cup runneth over." Not only are two of my sons married to wonderful women, and my third son has a lovely girlfriend, but also, we now have two adorable granddaughters and a pregnant daughter-in-law. Truly, during this season of the harvest, we are seeing a bumper crop! Our dividend are with us; our joy is apparent.

Do cherish each one around your Thanksgiving table. Perhaps have each person at the table say why he/she is thankful. Share with others your feelings; let them know how special they are in your life. Do stop and smell the roses. I know you will find their fragrance sweet.

To all of you, I wish a happy Thanksgiving. May you be warmed by the love of family and friends. May your lives be bountiful with happiness and health.



AHS PRINCIPAL PAUL CAVALLO and Michael Federico, a senior at AHS who was nominated to compete in the National Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Michael Federico Nominated For Nat'l. Leadership Program

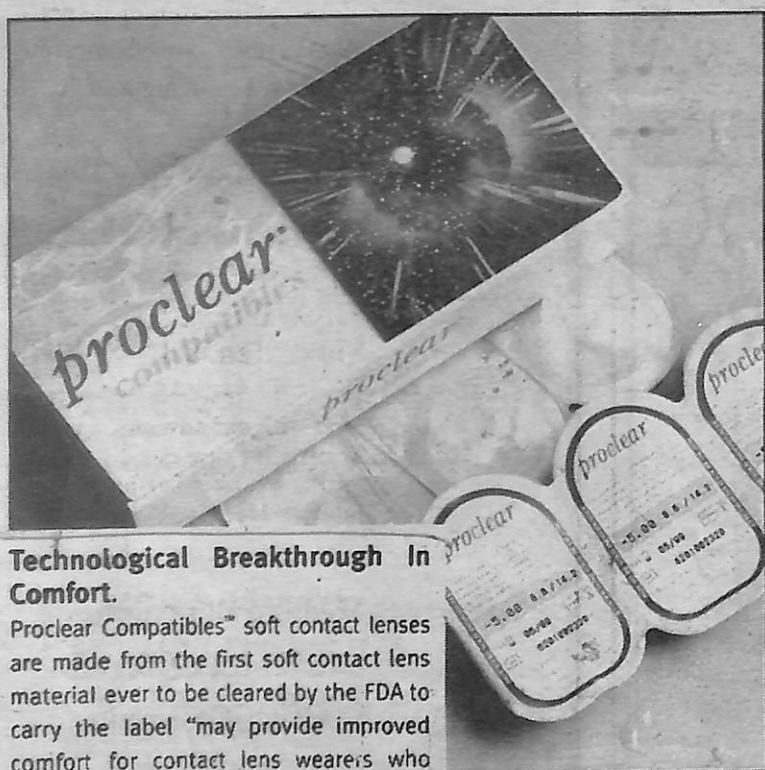
Michael Federico, an Agawam High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the National Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Paul Cavallo, principal of Agawam High School, recently announced the nomination, which places Federico in the national competition. One-hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

"Mike has demonstrated exemplary achievement in his academic work and service to his school and community," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, NASSP executive director. "He's a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

While at Agawam High School, Mike has been class president all four years, a member of the School Improvement Council, a member of National Honor Society, layout editor for the yearbook, co-president of the band, and treasurer of the Math Club. He plans to major in pre-med in college.

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Phelps First-Graders Thank Vets



THE FIRST-GRADERS AT PHELPS SCHOOL celebrated Veterans' Day by saluting the flag and singing "America the Beautiful" on the Veterans' Green. The importance of the day and the significance of the memorial were discussed. All first-graders drew pictures or wrote letters to their heroes as a show of appreciation, which will be sent to the veterans in the Holyoke Soldiers Home to let them know they are not forgotten. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Veterans William Miller and Neal Raison stand with the students at the ceremony. The students of Sylvia Sullivan, Janis Noyes, Ann Marie Bellico, and Linda Vooy's are pictured below. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Junior High To Hold Fall Parents' Night On Nov. 30th

The Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Fall Parents' Night on Thursday evening, November 30th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All parents of seventh- and eighth-grade students are welcome to attend the annual conference night, which features brief meetings with teachers and staff members. Classroom secretaries will schedule five-minute appointments with individual teachers that evening.

The Fall Parents' Night is an excellent opportunity for parents to visit the school where they may review their child's academic progress.

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Grade 8 - High Honors: Thomas DeCosmo;
Grade 8 - Honors: Jillian Joyce, Jacqueline Svadeba.

Grade 7 - High Honors: Michael Prisby; **Grade 7 - Honors:** Melissa Gawron, Cathryn Joyce.

Grade 6 - High Honors: Brielle Beaudette; **Grade 6 - Honors:** Kaleigh Payette.

Grade 5 - Honors: Katherine Corliss, Heather Gawron; **Grade 4 - High Honors:** Frances Walsh.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 27th: Steamed frankfurt in roll, potato rounds w/catsup, seasoned green beans, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 28th: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned vegetable medley, fresh apple, or chocolate cake w/icing, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 29th: Cheese ravioli w/tomato sauce, broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, chilled peaches or strawberry jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 30th: Diced chicken w/gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned carrot slices, bread and butter, applesauce spice cake or fruit cup, milk.

Friday, Dec. 1st: Oven baked sea nuggets, potato rounds w/catsup, niblet corn, bread and butter, ice cream cup, milk.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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AHS American History & Geography Class Holds Mock Election

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

A mock presidential election held at Agawam High School on Monday, November 5th, 2000 resulted in 319 votes for Gore-Lieberman, 255 for Bush-Cheney, and 103 for Nader-Laduke. If only the national election had been so decisive!

Apart from the actual presidential results, the students encountered something disturbing and discouraging during their project, which was done by Maureen Quinn's fifth period American History and Geography class.

The students researched the candidates and made or obtained campaign material. The project started at the beginning of October. The students E-mailed all of the major candidates at their offices and the National Website Election Page. They received absolutely no response from any of them!

"Candidates complain because young people are not involved in the electoral process, but yet they ignored these future voters," Mrs. Quinn told us. The students went knocking on local politicians' doors, mainly Westfield Democratic and Westfield Republican offices and got minimal campaign material. There was roughly a 50% voter turnout at AHS.

"The students did an excellent job and were very enthusiastic about it," Mrs. Quinn said.

Showcases at AHS were arranged for at least a week and notices were placed daily in the school bulletin. "We had a table for registration, where the voters would check in, their name would be crossed off, and they could vote. The ballots were counted by students who stayed after school and tabulated the votes. Each teacher received a copy of the results of the mock election," added Mrs. Quinn.

Lissa Asta-Ferrero A Recent Participant In Leadership Conference

Lissa Asta-Ferrero from Agawam High School was among 84 participants at Bay Path College's second annual Young Women's Leadership Conference, "Developing Your Pathway to Leadership," on the college campus on November 3rd.

Participants from high schools throughout New England as well as New York were selected to attend by either their National Honor Society advisor or guidance counselor based on their demonstrated leadership potential.

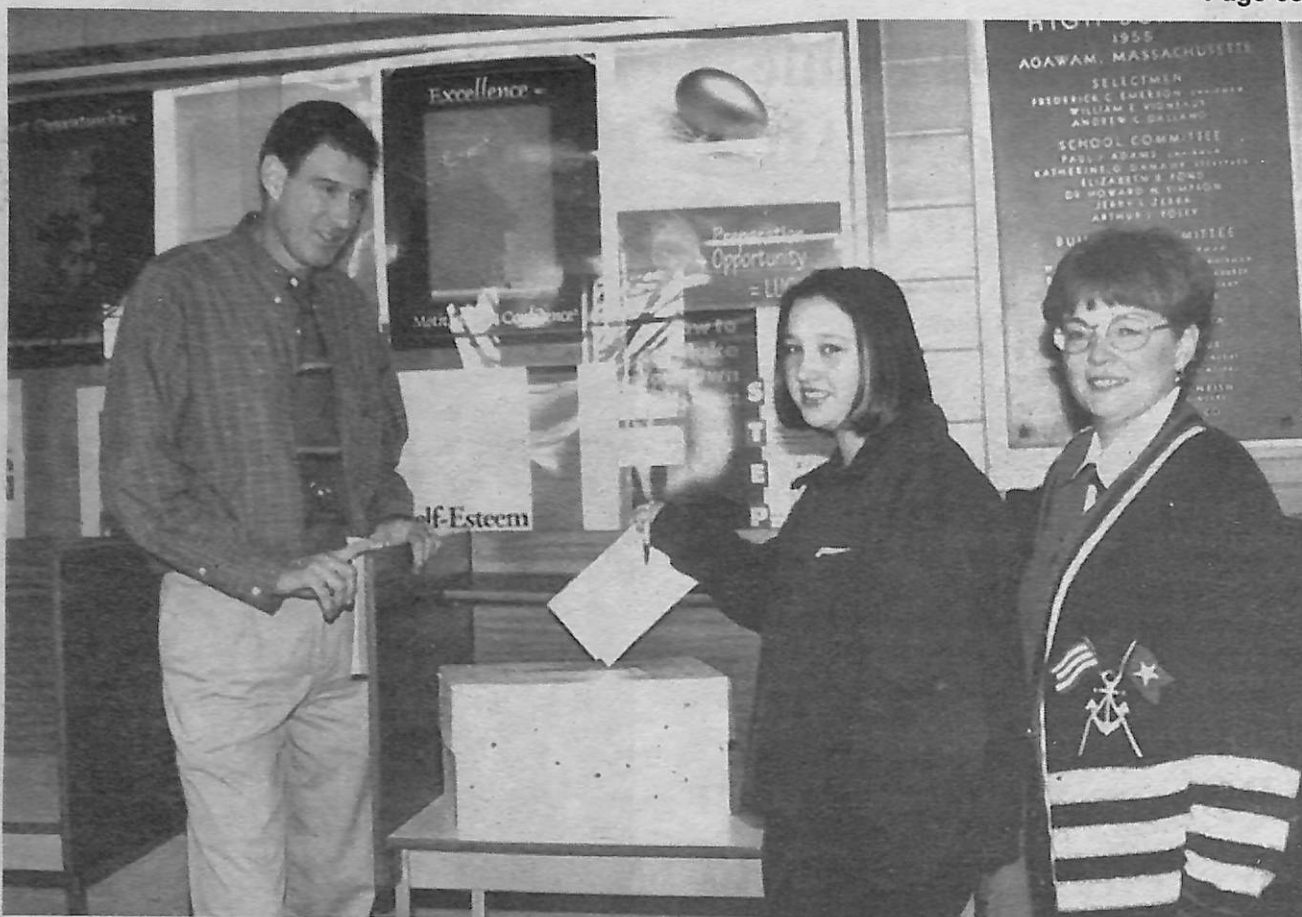
Lissa is a member of the school's varsity volleyball team and is president of the student club of the Agawam chapter of American Intercultural Program at AHS. She is the daughter of Patrick and Karen Asta-Ferrero of Agawam.

The conference gave the participants the opportunity to network with their peers, participate in a college selection workshop presented by the Princeton Review, and through a second workshop, explore the ethical issues of truth and responsibility as they transition from high school to college.

Keynote speakers for the day included Di-Ann Eisnor, president and CEO of Eisnor Interactive, the first advertising agency developed to promote Internet brands in the offline marketplace; and the team of Jessica Sager and Janna Wagner, co-founders of *All Our Kin*, a New Haven, Connecticut-based educational center that prepares youngsters with school readiness skills and prepares their parents to enter the workforce as early childhood educators.

All three women were listed, in the September issue of *Working Woman* magazine, among the top 20 young women under the age of 30 that will make a difference in their chosen career field.

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AGAWAM HIGH STUDENT CRYSTAL MESICK casts her ballot during a mock presidential election at the school while Maureen Quinn, a social studies instructor at the school, and Wayne Morse, academic coordinator of the Social Studies Department, look on. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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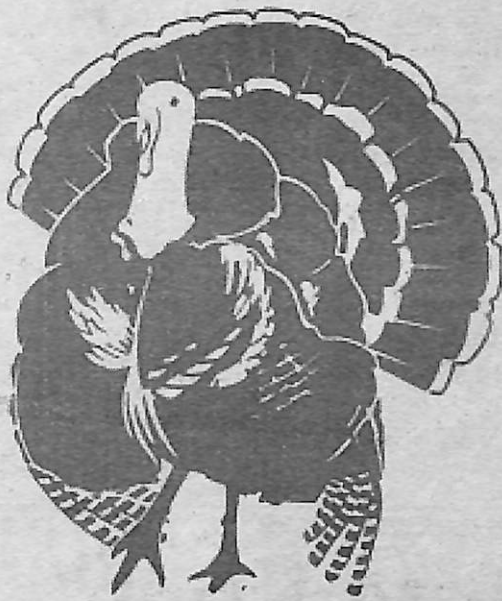
This clinic will feature AIC men's coaches. The clinic will include one-on-one college instruction, shooting instruction, and competitions. There will be prizes for each age group, which will include AIC tickets.

The fee for the clinic is \$20 for Friday only or \$30 for both Friday and Saturday. For more information, contact Paul Scoville at 413-747-6563 or pscoville@att.net.

"Tough Love" Program Offered For Parents In Westfield

You are invited to "Tough Love," a self-help program for parents troubled by their kid's behavior to be presented on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield.

Have A Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving



Troop 593 Holds Investiture Ceremony



BROWNIE TROOP 593 recently held their Investiture/Rededication Ceremony. Pictured in photo above are (standing) Lauren Osborn, Leah Burns, Sara Mirolli, Shaylene Riley, Caitlin Lieberman, and Lauren Arsenault. Seated - Rachel Robie, Alexis Page, Nicole Parent, Rebecca Fondakowski, Jenna Beauvais, Lexie Vatosiou, Lauren Lemire, Maura Curran, and Anna Lovotti.



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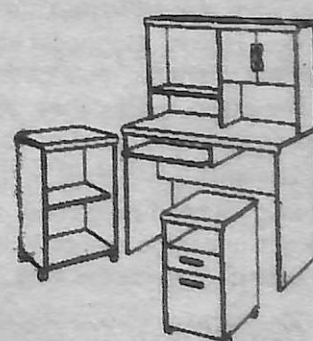
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Sports



"WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!!" Members of the Agawam High School girls' varsity gymnastics team and Coach Allison Bonnyman (back row, far left) stake out their space with the other area teams at the Western Mass. meet last Friday night at Chicopee Comp. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

It Doesn't Get Better Than This...

Brownie Gymnasts Wear WMass. Crown

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

When thinking of this year's Western Mass. champion Agawam High gymnastics team, I can't help but recall that old saying by Jackie Gleason - "How Sweet It Is!" You see, last season they rang up a 0-20 record and were all but forgotten around the area, and were not far from being old news because of a lack of numbers on the team.

Now, it wasn't that the talent Coach Allison Bonnyman had was inferior - far from it. It was simply that she just didn't have enough of it. "It's tough to field a team when you only have five kids," she said with a smile, looking back to 1999 when there was talk of dumping the program.

With 13 on the roster this time out, the Brownies were an unstoppable force in the territory, ringing up 20 in the left-hand column and a bagel on the right side. Because of that, they grabbed the number-one ranking in the sectionals and didn't disappoint by winning the Western Mass championship for the first time since 1997. It was the first Western Mass. sports title for the school since the baseball team won one in June 1999.

Actually, the competition between the top three

squads was as tight as a 10 year-old wedding dress. Agawam won the crown with a team total of 130.800, just a tad better than second-seeded Westfield (128.550 - they beat the Bombers twice during the regular season) and defending champion Pittsfield (128.000).

It was a packed house at Chicopee Comp, and it lent to us some positive thoughts. Gymnastics is very big in Western Mass. We saw a lot of young girls who can't wait to get into the action. We saw a lot of very supportive parents. We saw talent across the board.

This is a tough, airborne sport which defies the basic law of physics that says we should all stay safe on the ground. Kids compete with all kinds of braces

and wraps on their extremities. Their dedication to it is complete. Obviously, in gymnastics, the gain greatly overwhelms the pain.

It's interesting to note that Westfield beat Agawam on the beam and the floor, 31.600 to 30.600 and 35.950 to 35.000, respectively. But the Brownies were bodacious on the bars, beating the Bombers 31.300 to 28.600 behind the efforts of sophomore sensation Andrea Babbin with a first-place (8.550) finish and senior veteran Liz Clark in fifth (8.000). Westfield could not crack the top five. Jen Vaschak was the best they could do (finishing ninth with a 7.650).

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IN LEFT PHOTO: At last Friday night's Western Mass. girls' gymnastics meet, sophomore sensation Andrea Babbin again proved that she's the best in the West in leading the Brownies to the team title. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Coach Allison Bonnyman (front row, far left) and the Brownies are all smiles as they hold the "hardware" following their electrifying performance en route to the Western Mass. title. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

GYMNASTICS - from Page 41

"Vaulting" To Victory...

The vault might have been the key to Agawam's overall win. Agawam took four spots in the top 10 with ties (Kate Malloy with an 8.400 for seventh, and Liz Clark and Mary Zajac tied for 10th with two others at 8.250). Westfield managed only one in the top 10 - Melissa Hamel with a fifth at 8.450.

Babbin led the charge and took the top spot. The sophomore (who didn't compete for the Brownies last season) was without a doubt the most creative vaulter there. It's an event that has clearly taken over as the most dangerous, beating out the beam (you will see more crashes on the vault than in a NASCAR race).

Babbin does a gravity-defying springboard leap, hand-slamming power launch into a twisting somersault into a reverse landing, which she nailed not once but twice. Her score (9.00) far outdistanced her competition. Minnechaug's Whitney Quist, an outstanding vaulter in her own right who does a variation of

Babbin's routine, was a distant second at 8.650.

Babbin, an All-Western Mass selection, took her 20th (out of 21) all-around title this year with a score of 35.400. She did it by tying on the bars with Minnechaug's Quist (8.550); earning a second on the beam to Pittsfield's Katie Flynn (8.600 to 8.650); accomplishing her first on the vault; and chalking up a first on the floor (9.250 to a 9.150 for Flynn).

Babbin's floor routine was another tour de force. She started out from a knee-stance, hand-high heaven salute sitting position, with a strong Irish beat behind her. It was obvious from the music that she would display her interpretive dancing talent, as well as her grace and strength.

She glided into a triple flip and a one-and-a-half twist to a landing. Another triple flip with a loop led to a handstand. Four diagonal back flips (one on an airborne roll) led to a semi-handstand landing.

Then she went to the floor with a split and ended the high-energy routine the way she started it - quietly, as the music ended, on her knees with the raised

hand.

It was a great contrast. Babbin brought down the house.

The Contributions Of Other Brownies...

Babbin might have dominated the show for Agawam, but the Brownies wouldn't have piled up the additional points without the help of a very talented supporting cast: Liz Clark with her fifth on the bars; Mary Zajac came in at 7.600 in a three-way tie for 10th; and Alicia Malloy was 14th (7.150) in that discipline.

Clark was 13th on the beam (7.550). On the floor, Zajac was in a three-way tie for eighth with an 8.00; Kate Malloy was 11th; and Brittany Taylor came in at number 15.

Bonnyman said she wasn't sure they could win the title. But with the ups and downs of the program, she was very satisfied with her team's showing.

"Half might have been good. The title is a dream come true," the second-year coach smiled.

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Turkey Day At Clarke Field...

AHS Expects Hot Reception From An Improved West Side

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This Thursday, November 23rd, Agawam High and West Springfield High will renew one of the top football rivalries in Western Mass. This will be the 76th renewal of this ancient series. Agawam leads 51-21, with three ties.

The Brownies won the 75th anniversary game last year at Harmon Smith Field and are on a four-game winning streak on Turkey Day.

However, things could get very interesting this time around. West Side has one of its best teams in a while, with a 6-3 record. They should be in an ugly mood for this one after a loss their last time out to Chicopee Comp, which threw a monkey wrench into the Terriers' Super Bowl plans. Comp defeated AHS in the opening game of the season way back in September.

This is a non-league game. West Side plays in the Suburban League; Agawam is a denizen of the Double A and the owners of a 1-9 slate.

But, according to second-year West Side Coach Carl Suppino, records mean little in a game like this: "The rivalry is so fierce that no one will be thinking of how many games you won or lost. The only thing that will matter is winning this one."

He agrees Agawam is both big and aggressive and will be as fired-up as his kids. But he also feels the Terriers have some big weapons this year which will make a big difference.

"Unlike previous years, we run out of the I formation



AHS FOOTBALL COACH TAD DESAUTELS (at right) gives several of his players some last-minute instructions before last Saturday's scrimmage versus Chicopee Comp. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

and have a back that is perfect for that formation - Nick Topjian. If you haven't seen him, just think of Agawam's outstanding tailback from last season, Dave Moore. Nick is tough and fearless like Moore. He has 13 touchdowns in nine games for us and can score from anywhere on the field," the coach said of the 5'8", 155-pound senior.

The kid who runs the show is senior quarterback Brandon Bryan (5'9", 175 pounds). "Brandon is a veteran and an excellent athlete who has the experience to lead our team. He'll run, pass, and block," Suppino noted.

Dustin Saywood is a junior wide out. And while he

doesn't catch many TD passes, the coach says he is a go-to guy who can get the team out of a jam with his receiving ability.

Also, Agawam's defensive line should have its hands full with the Terrier offensive line. "We have one of the best pulling guards in Western Mass in 5'10", 200-pound senior Jeff McConkey. He'll usually be out in front of Topjian and rarely does he miss his man," Suppino noted.

The West Side coach also feels that 6'2", 215-pound senior tackle Brian Pouliot is the best all-

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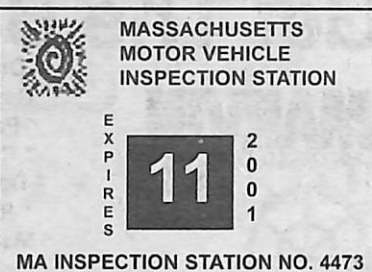
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around blocker in Western Mass. "Whoever gets him will have their hands full all morning," Suppino said.

The Terriers won't show you a lot of looks on defense. They'll use a five-man front and tee off on just about every play. They feature McConkey at defensive tackle and Saywood (four interceptions) as their best defensive back.

"Dustin is an outstanding cover guy with the ability to shut down any receiver," Suppino said.

Perhaps their best player on defense, though, is linebacker Matt Fletcher. According to the coach, the 5'10", 170-pound junior plays from sideline to sideline. He leads the team in tackles and has a great instinct for where the play is going.

Last year, West Side was 2-8, so their turnaround this season has to be very satisfying for the Terrier faithful. "It's been a pretty good year," Suppino acknowledged. "It's about time we stopped the Agawam win streak in this one."

Desautels' Assessment Of West Side...

"Yeah," Agawam Coach Tad Desautels admitted. "They're hungry and will come right at you on both offense and defense. Offensively, their philosophy is ball control. Their offensive line is pretty big and they'll grind you down if they can. Both Topjian and Bryan are veterans, and both are very talented football players and take full advantage of the blocking they get."

Desautels, who attended West Side's 28-26 loss to Comp a week and a half ago, was impressed with their defense. "They're not fancy, just hard-nosed. That kid Fletcher will present some problems."

However, Desautels believes his club will West Side some problems.

"With the way Tony Liquori has come around, with his five touchdowns, four on the ground and one on a pass (in our last four games), West Side won't be just looking to key on Vitaly (Dzhenzherukha).

"Vitaly (nine TDs) will be the guy for us who will give



BROWNIE FOOTBALL PLAYERS will have no problem getting fired up for West Side on Thanksgiving morning. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

you the leg and take it away. Tony will give you the leg and stick it right through. They are a genuine double-threat. And both can break a run," Desautels said.

Liquori, a senior, has lugged the leather for 41- and 80-yard scores on two occasions. Vitaly, a junior, has an 89-yard kickoff return and a 66-yard punt return (both for scores) on his resume.

Agawam will get the good run blocks from big lineman Frank Ferrentino. They also see some good lead blocking from fullbacks Nick Beaudette and Ryan Lottermoser. "Since Tony has been getting time at tailback, those two have filled in admirably at that position," the coach told us.

The AHS coaches are looking for sophomore quarterback Joe Clark to step up in what will be the most important game of his young career. Clark has five TD passes. Senior tight end Lou Conte has two of them and has shown the ability to catch the big ball when it counts.

Defensively, the Brownies will no doubt pay a lot of attention to Topjian. The "D" will be led by Isidro Aguinaga. "West Side is a good team, better than we've faced since I've been here. But if we play like the Double A competition we've had to face all year, we'll win," stated Aguinaga.

Last weekend, Agawam went up to Comp for a controlled scrimmage. It helped. "Yeah, it was a good way to do things a little differently other than going through the repetitions of a normal practice," Desautels noted. Then Aguinaga added, "Comp ran the same offense and defense West Springfield should use. The scrimmage helped."

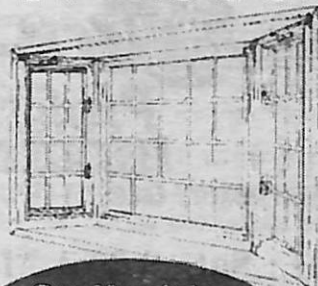
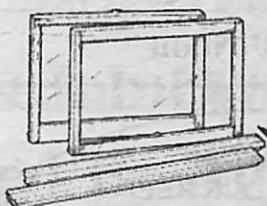
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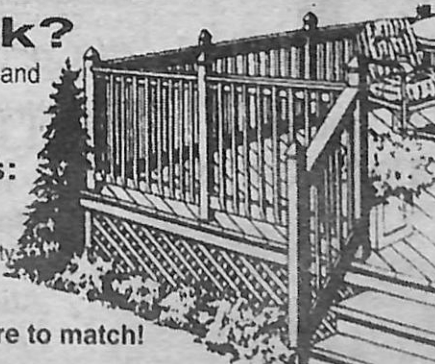
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FORMER AGAWAM HIGH All-Western Mass. field hockey star Stephanie Fleming (above) continues to burn up the field hockey fields for the Assumption College Lady Greyhounds again this season, especially in the points department. IN THE PHOTO BELOW: Fleming heads back to the midfield after scoring yet another goal for the Lady Greyhounds.



Division II Field Hockey...

Stephanie Fleming Completes Third Season At Assumption

Stephanie Fleming recently completed her third season of Division II field hockey at Assumption College in Worcester. The Assumption Greyhounds finished the season with a 10-9 overall record. This season, Fleming was named as a Division II Second Team All-American and as a Northeast-10 First Team All Conference Player.

She is ranked fifth among the leading scorers in the Northeast-10 Conference.

Fleming finished the 2000 season leading her team with 13 goals and one assist for a total of 27 points. After just three seasons, she has 70 total career points, which is only 23 points away from breaking the school record, and just 30 points away from becoming the first field hockey athlete in Assumption's history to ever pass the 100 point mark.

Fleming is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, where she was All-Western Mass. in field hockey. She is the daughter of John and Sheryl Fleming of Feeding Hills.

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Two Senior Football Captains For AHS Football Looking Forward To "Turkey Day" Contest...

Profile...

Ferrentino Hopes To Keep AHS's Winning Streak Intact

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Frank Ferrentino has been on the Agawam High varsity football team for four years.

Recently, the senior captain took some time to talk about himself and his days at AHS. Ferrentino is 18 years-old. His birthday is June 23rd. He stands 6'2" tall and weighs in at 265 pounds.

He has spent all four years of his secondary education at the High School. Currently, he's taking English 12, accounting, job corps, and gym. He is a member of the honor roll and the Renaissance Club.

His favorite course was Italian. His top teacher is varsity football Coach Tad Desautels (gym).

Right now, Ferrentino says he's still looking at colleges and is undecided on where he'll end up in the fall.

Football is his sport and he's been toiling in the varsity trenches for AHS football since he was 14. He was All-Western Mass in 1999.

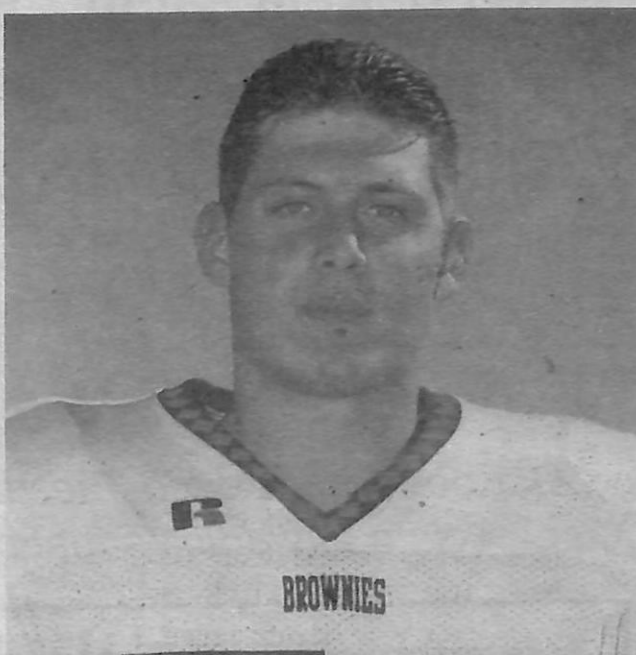
His most memorable sports moment came this year when they shut out Minnechaug, 35-0, a week and a half ago for their first win of the season.

His take on the 1-9 Brownies goes like this: "We could have done better. A couple of mistakes hurt us during the year. I think our performance against Longmeadow (a 35-10 loss, but a good first-half showing) gave us a lot of confidence."

Ferrentino has never lost to West Springfield in football on Thanksgiving Day. "If we play the whole game like I know we can play and take advantage of their mistakes, we'll win," he noted.

Ferrentino's favorite food comes from the sea, things like shrimp and lobster.

Blue is his top hue.



FRANK FERRENTINO

His favorite car would be AHS guidance counselor Alan Cohen's Mercedes.

His team is the San Francisco Forty-Niners.

He likes to kick back and hang out at his house or the home of his buddy, Travis Coles.

He likes the preppy look in clothes and buys them at Filene's in the Holyoke Mall.

He likes all kinds of music.

"The Simpsons" top the tube for him. "The Usual Suspects" is his favorite flick.

JoAnne is his mom. Alphonse is his dad. He has a brother, Marc (20), and a sister Anna (16), who plays on the girls' track team for AHS.

He says his mom is the person he looks up to.

He wants to be remembered when his days as a Brownie are done as a kid who helped beat West Side in football and a good all-around student and athlete.

Desautels called Ferrentino the best player on the team: "He has size, speed, agility, and strength. When we need a guy to run behind, we go to Frank. When we need a big play on defense, he'll usually make one for us. I think if he wants to go that route, he has a future in Division I football."



ISIDRO AGUINAGA

Profile...

Aguinaga Says His Team Is Going In With Confidence

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Isidro Aguinaga has been a varsity football player for the Brownies since his freshman season. He is a senior captain and recently, he took some time out to discuss his days at Agawam High.

Aguinaga is 6'1" and weighs 205 pounds. All four years of his secondary education have been spent at AHS. He lives in Russell and commutes to Agawam a half-hour, one way, every day.

Currently, he is taking honors chemistry, algebra II, English 12, pottery, culinary arts (Aguinaga is a chef at the Russell Inn), and physical education.

Physical education is his favorite course and varsity football Coach Tad Desautels is his top teacher.

It looks as though Aguinaga will be heading to Bridgewater State next fall. He'll major in physical education and hopes to play football.

Besides football, he also participates in track, where he throws the javelin and shot put.

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He likes football because he likes to hit and does plenty of it for the Brownies. It's interesting to note that he has never lost a football game to West Side during his past three years versus West Side on Turkey Day.

His most memorable sports moment came in the Minnechaug Regional game two weeks ago - a 35-0 win for AHS, its first of the season. "It was their final drive and they were going for a score. I managed to tackle the kid with the ball and hit him so hard his helmet flew off," he smiled.

He sees this football season as a learning experience for the underclassmen. "That win over Minnechaug gave us all some confidence. We'll take that into our game with West Springfield."

He likes to chow down on pizza and Mexican food, and says Los Dorados on River Road in Agawam has some of the best burritos around.

His favorite colors are orange and brown. An orange Viper would be his ride. His favorite athlete is former Agawam football and track standout Phil McGeoghan, who is now playing football for UMaine.

He'll hang out anywhere his buddies might be. He likes the preppy look. Structure at the Holyoke Mall is his store. He likes everything in music, even country. Kid Rock and Aerosmith are his top groups. His top TV show is "The Simpsons." "Braveheart" is his favorite movie.

Annette is his mom. Isidro is his dad. He has a sister, Christy (23), who attends Westfield State College.

Freshman football Coach Kirk Parker is the man Aguinaga looks up to. "Coach Parker has been coaching me since the fifth grade and has helped me a lot with my football career," he said.

Aguinaga wants to be remembered as a person who gave 110 percent and tried to help other people, especially the underclassmen on the football team.

"Isidro is one of our captains and a completely unselfish player. He will handle any position we give him. He switched over from defensive end and has played great at defensive tackle after Curtis Miarecki was knocked out for the season a month ago," Desautels said.

They're Ready To Root For The Brownies...



AGAWAM HIGH'S varsity cheerleaders are ready to do their part during the AHS/West Side football game on Thanksgiving Day. Back row: Coach Kim Hebert, Jillian Nunziata, Christin Cilimberg, Kari Trauschke, Stacy Hopkins, Amanda Lemieux, Stephanie Sadowski, Kim Chmura, Casey VanOssenbruggen, Linda Kelley, and Julie Ponta. Front row: Lauren DeLuca, Jessica Forni, Heather Ferguson, Ashlee Lorraine, Bianca Chase, Jenna Bodurtha, Aimee Piccin, Rachel Lara, Stephanie Pettazzoni, and Anne Shibley. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



THE SENIORS ON THE varsity cheerleading squad: bottom row - Ashlee Lorraine, Jenna Bodurtha, Aimee Piccin, and Bianca Chase; second row - Rachel Lara, Jessica Forni, and Anne Shibley; third row - Stephanie Pettazzoni and Heather Ferguson; top row - Lauren DeLuca. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins

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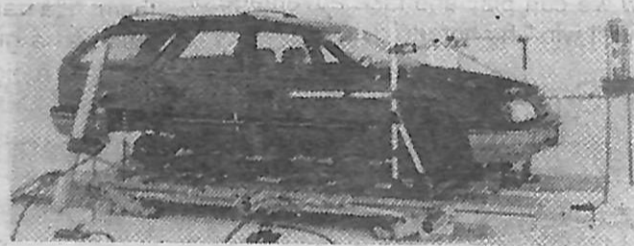


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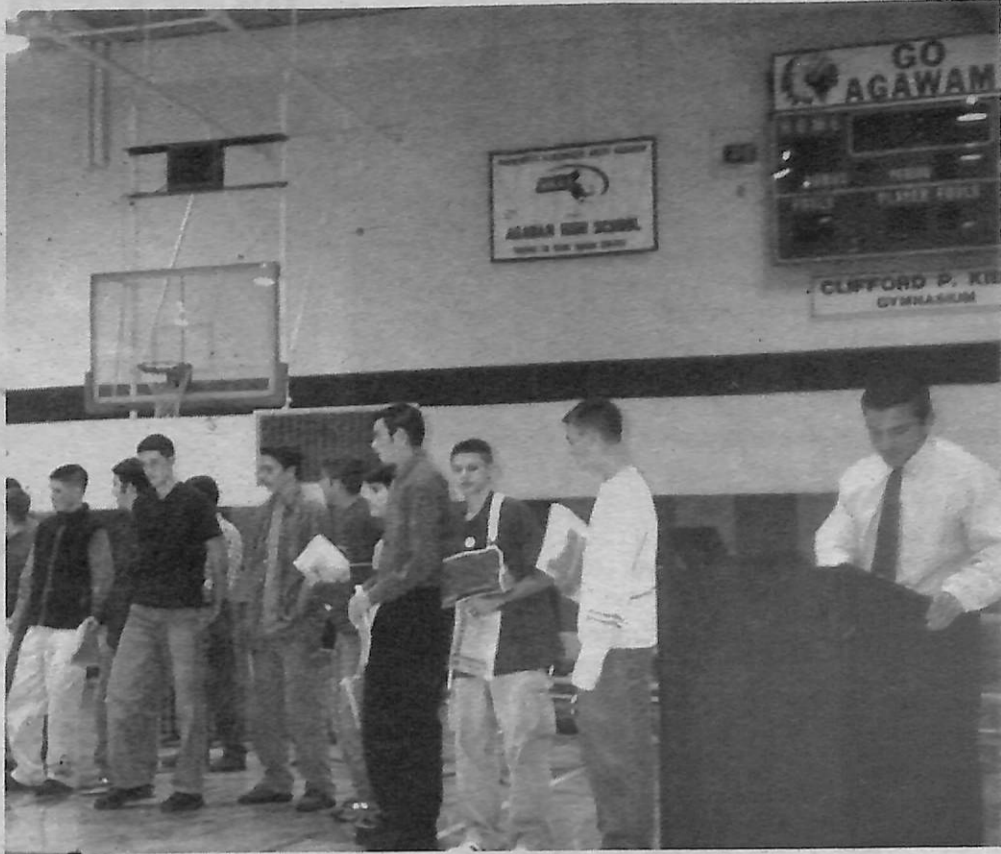
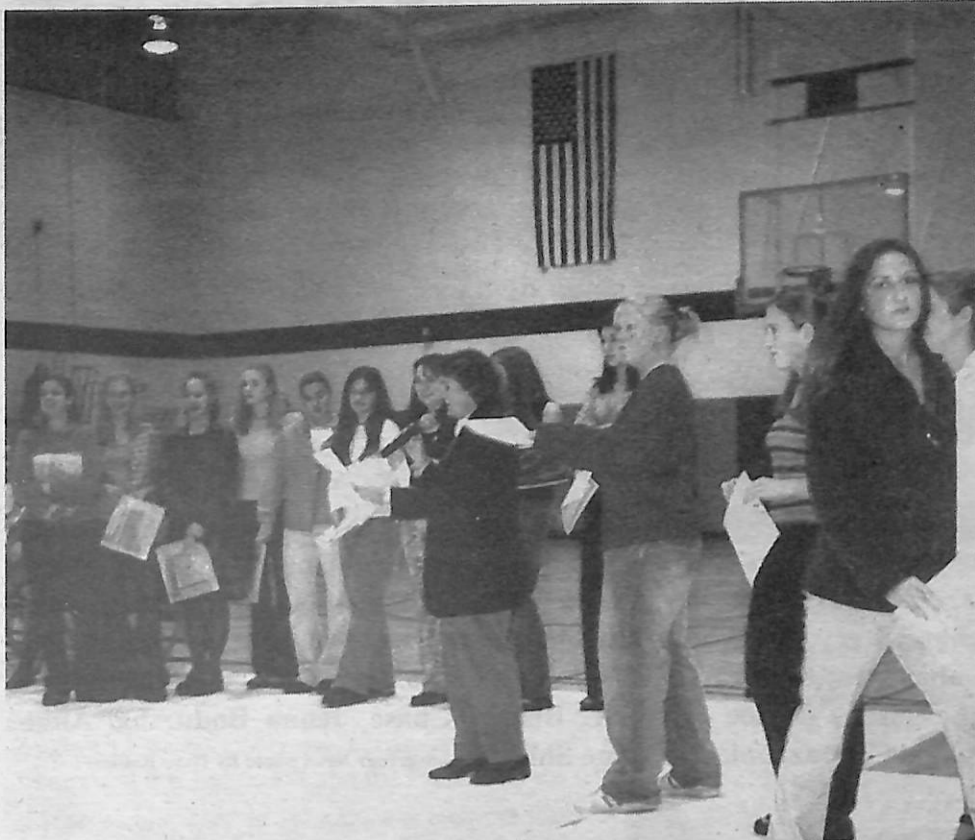
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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL held its annual Fall Sports Appreciation Night last week. IN LEFT PHOTO: Members of the girls' field hockey program receive their letters. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Boys' varsity soccer Coach Jonathan Cavallo speaks about his troops. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

“Fall Sports Appreciation Night” - An Annual Tradition

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

As has been the tradition for the past several years (started by former Agawam High School Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney), AHS held a Fall Sports Appreciation Night last week.

New Athletic Director Lou Conte presided. The kids on the fall teams (girls' and boys' soccer, field hockey, golf, boys' and girls' cross-country, football, gymnas-

tics, girls' volleyball, and cheerleading) were honored. The gym was loaded with people - parents and friends along with distinguished faculty and staff from the High School, to see the student athletes receive certificates, letters, and general recognition for their efforts during the opening sports season of the year.

Announcements were made by the coaches about

certain kids who had made the various All-League and All-Western Mass. teams. One player in particular gathered a top honor - soccer goalie John DeCaro. DeCaro, besides being named All-Western Mass., was also named to the All-State team, according to

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10:00 A.M. - 2P.M.

The Agawam Little League will be holding its first sign-up for the year2001 baseball season

The following programs will be run in the spring:

- Instructional & Teeball (ages 5-7)
- Minors (ages 8-10) * Majors (ages 10-12)

Registration Fees: \$40/Child or \$100/Family of 3 or more

In addition to the registration, each player will receive a \$10 book of raffle tickets which will be prepaid at time of registration.

Sign-ups will also be held for umpires for the year 2001 season

Anyone with uniforms and/or equipment is asked to bring them to the sign-up.

The Agawam Little League is proud to serve the youth of our community.

If there are any questions, please contact Ted Kopyscinski at 821-7989



FALL SPORTS NIGHT - from Page 48

varsity boys' soccer Coach Jon Cavallo.

While not all the fall teams had great campaigns, it was noted that two of them were headed for possibly big things. The gymnastics team would battle for the Western Mass. crown Friday evening (which they would win). The cheerleading team was also going for a Western Mass. title later in the week. And, of course, the big Thanksgiving Day football battle between Agawam and West Springfield was on just about everyone's mind.

The festivities lasted for about 90 minutes and also included a short talk by Mayor Richard Cohen and Principal Paul Cavallo; singing of the school song, "Joyous and Every Loyal,"; and an excellent rendition of the National Anthem, sung by Dolores Cuccovia, Laurie Chmielewski, Emily Norris, and Jodi Poulin.

Conte opened and closed the evening, ending things with a short talk wrapped around that time-worn, but timely, cliché - playing the game, many times, is even more important than winning it.

Then it was time to eat and everyone was invited to the cafeteria for a very good meal.

Sure, it was a piece of small town Americana, but it was a nice piece that made a statement - slow down for a moment and smell the roses!

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders At AHS

BACK ROW: Nicole Brievogel, Cori Verteramo, Kate Horniak, Alicia Linder, Taryn Laponnesse, Sarah Huffman, Tami Burmeister, Jessica Lemieux, and Sarah Hersey. **FRONT ROW:** Amber Paro, Andrea Greaney, Meghan Beauchane, Laura Keller, Suzanne Svadeba, Megan O'Krongly, Michelle Depelteau, Ashley Boyle, and Amy Morgan. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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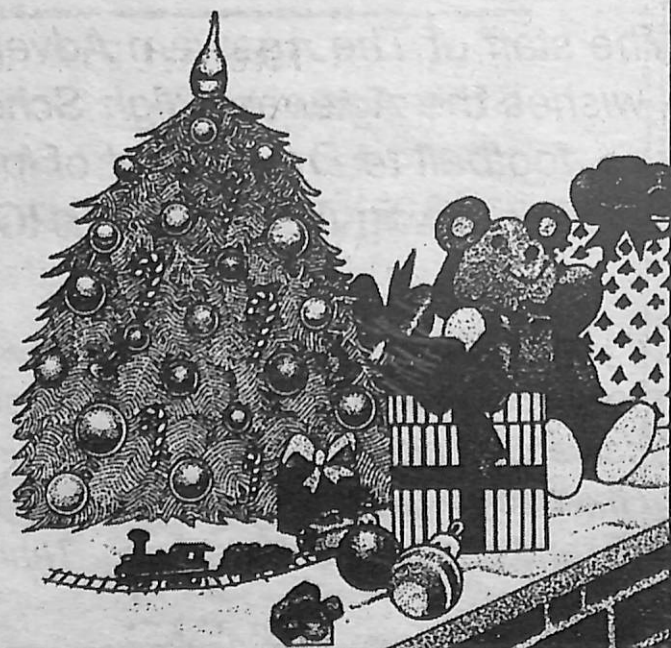
Agawam High School Cheerleaders Trip to Florida

John A. DiNapoli, Fallen Holyoke Police Officer

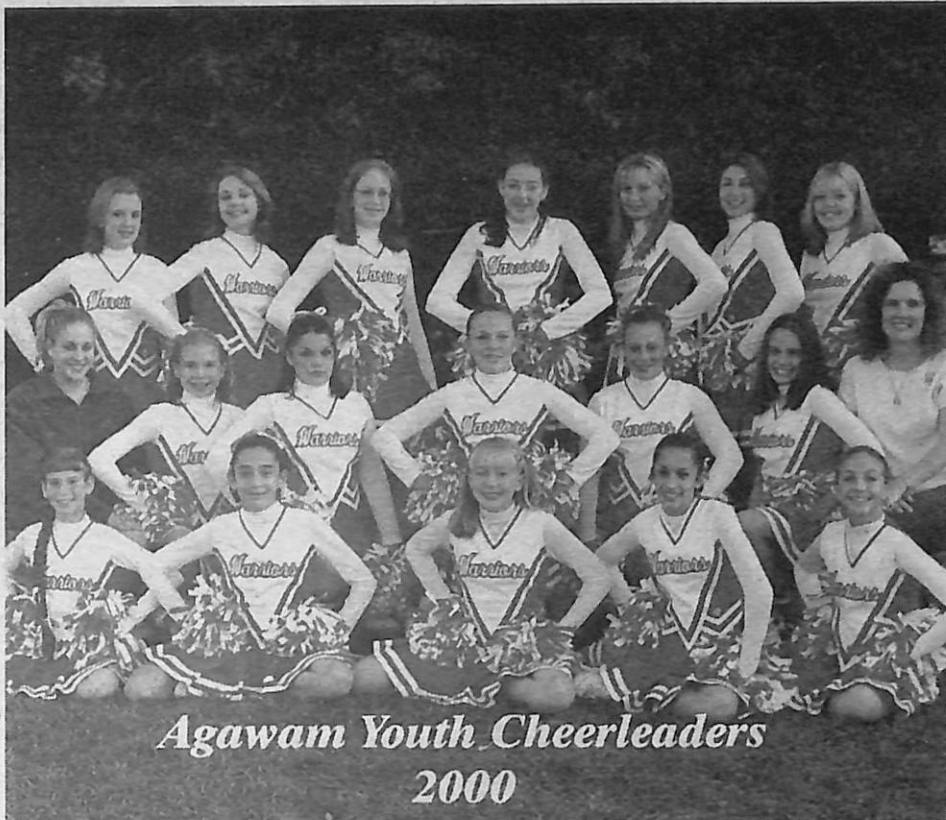
Multiple Sclerosis Society in support of an Agawam resident

Agawam High School Yearbook

Rebecca Murphy, Westfield Firefighter to Firefighters Combat Challenge in Las Vegas



The Agawam Youth Cheerleaders For 2000 Season...



THE SENIOR YOUTH CHEERLEADERS: back row - Jenn Bock, Leeann Morytko, Abriana Spagnoli, Julia Weisgerber, Nicole Woszczyna, Corinne Cardin, and Ami-Lee Sullivan; middle row - Varsity Assistant Amanda Lemieux, Alison Dassatti, Samantha Peetros, Paige Roberts, Jessica Santinello, Jacqueline Svadeba, and Coach Sue Svadeba; front row - Tiara Ghedi, Tifani Sherba, Kelli Sullivan, Nicole Payeur, and Laura Cote. (Missing from photo: Coach Cathy Peetros and Varsity Assistants Linda Kelly and Kim Chmura.)



THE PEE WEE CHEERLEADERS: back row - Nicole Waterman, Emily Sotolotto, Alycia Atkinson, Meghan McGuire, Caitlin Paulin, and Jennifer Hansel; middle row - Coach Carol Andruss, Kendra Albano, Brianne Brinkman, Kerri Egan, Nicole Proulx, and Coach Cindy Egan; front row - Rebecca VanOssenbruggen, Sarah Gallagher, Alyssa Styckiewicz, and Brooke Andruss.

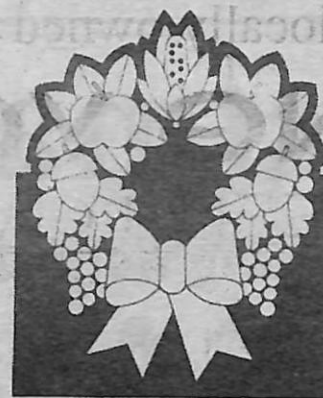
The staff of The Agawam Advertiser News wishes the Agawam High School varsity football team the best of luck this Thanksgiving Day ... GO BROWNIES!!!

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THE JUNIOR YOUTH CHEERLEADERS: back row - Coach Patti Dionne, Ashley Martin, Katie Caplette, Makila Messier, Alyssa Bonavita, Lauren Sotolotto, Noelle Myers, and Coach Peggy Cowell; middle row - Brittany Michel, Shaunna Howe, Samantha Fruwirth, Stacey Caplette, Rose Gallagher, Ashley Sadowski, and Stephanie Obue; front row - Jessica Kodess, Erica Morris, Krystal Morace, Rachel Dionne, Julie-Ayn Montalvo, and Courtney Cowell.

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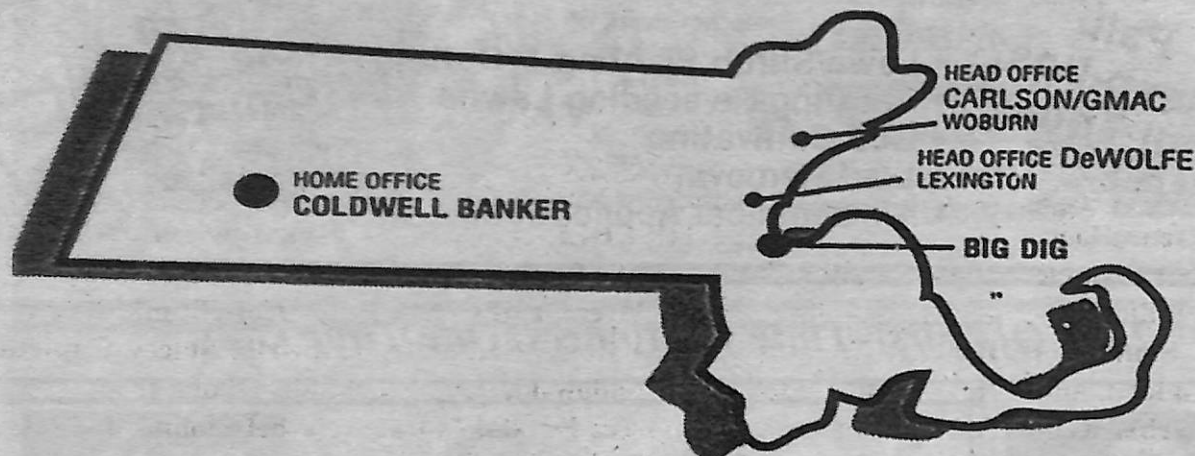
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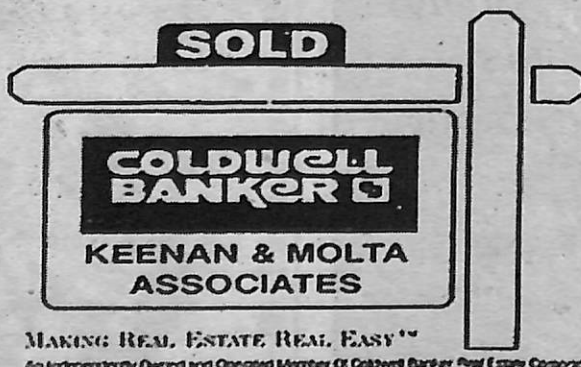
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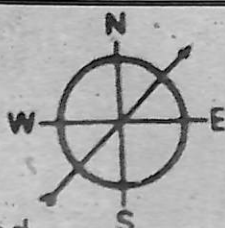
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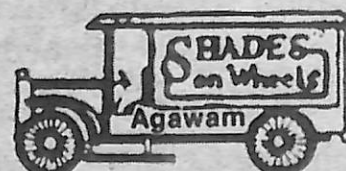
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(4-liter) **\$6.99**



~1.75 liters ~

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FULL
MASS
LOTTERY
SERVICE

~WINES~

GALLO
(750)
White Zinfandel

VENDANGE
(750)
White Zinfandel

ALMADEN
(1.5)
White Zinfandel

3 for \$7.99

3 for \$7.99

\$4.99

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Merlo (1.5)	\$7.99
All Delcato (1.5)	\$7.99
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